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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1912.

TOWN CLERK:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1915

SELECTMEN:

GARDNER M. DEAN,	Term expires 1915
JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1913
GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD,	Term expires 1914

ASSESSORS:

WALTER A. WOODIS,	Term expires 1915
SYLVESTER H. HASKELL,	Term expires 1913
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1914

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

WM. H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1915
EDMUND CODY,	Term expires 1913
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1914

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1915
J. NELSON BALL,	Term expires 1913
MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1914

LIBRARY TRUSTEES;

MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1915
HENRY C. FOBES,	Term expires 1913
SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1914

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

MASON S. DEAN,	Term expires 1915
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1913
JAMES P. FAIRBANK.	Term expires 1914

COLLECTOR:

EDMUND CODY.

TREASURER:

GEORGE S. BUTLER.

AUDITOR:

WALTER M. ROBINSON.

TREE WARDEN:

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR:

WILLIAM A. NYE.

FENCE VIEWERS:

JESSE ALLEN, S. H. HASKELL,
C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

CONSTABLES:

WILLIAM C. AYRES, WALTER R. DEAN,
FRANK L. CHEEVER, HENRY W. BARTLETT,
CHAS. S. CLIFFORD, FRED H. PARMENTER,

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK:

F. C. CALDWELL, A. C. MORSE, S. R. DEAN,

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

W. R. DEAN, W. A. WOODIS,

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

OMER D. TOTTINGHAM.

FIELD DRIVERS.

W. ANGIER, J. W. DWELLEY, F. C. CALDWELL,
WILLIAM SNEY,

CATTLE INSPECTOR:

GEORGE W. STONE.

UNDERTAKER:

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

AGENT TO PROSECUTE AND DEFEND ALL SUITS FOR OR AGAINST THE TOWN.

FRANK S. CONANT.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

CHARLES L. RANDALL.

FOREST FIREWARD:

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE.

REPORT OF

THE SELECTMEN.

THE selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending March 1, 1913:

Paid Town Officers.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid town clerk for services,	$35 65	
Postage and telephoning,	6 16	
		$41 81

TREASURER.

Paid treasurer for services,	$35 00	
Freight, express and postage,	13 93	
		$48 93

COLLECTOR.

Paid collector for services,	$75 00	
Stamps and envelopes,	9 10	
One book,	1 25	
Discount on taxes,	241 51	
		$326 86

SELECTMEN.

Paid G. M. Dean,	$25 00	
J. P. Day,	25 00	
G. T. Butterfield,	25 00	
Postage and telephoning,	7 54	
		$82 54

ASSESSORS.

Paid S. H. Haskell,	$42 50	
W. H. Parkman,	42 50	
W. A. Woodis,	49 00	
Probates and deeds,	7 09	
		$141 09

AUDITOR.

Paid W. M. Robinson,	$25 00

SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid O. D. Tottingham,	$12 00	
One steel die,	62	
		$12 62

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid for support of paupers,	$227 82

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid for support of schools,	$3768 19

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid for highways and bridges,	$1413 35

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid C. F. Caldwell,	$2 00	
J. W. Dwelly,	2 00	
J. P. Fairbank,	4 00	
A. C. Morse,	6 00	
W. A. Woodis,	4 00	
W. W. Russell,	2 00	
W. McClanathan,	2 00	
S. R. Dean,	2 00	
		$24 00

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Paid for support of Library,		$359 86

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid G. M. Dean,	$18 00	
J. P. Day,	18 00	
G. T. Butterfield,	18 00	
Jesse Allen,	14 00	
		$68 00

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT PRIMARY CAUCUS.

Paid A. C. Morse,	$2 00	
H. U. Crawford,	2 00	
T. C. Gaffney,	2 00	
S. R. Dean,	2 00	
		$8 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Earl Lawless,	$60 00	
Walter Howe,	55 00	
C. H. Trowbridge,	1 90	
W. W. Russell,	1 10	
G. S. Butler,	23 48	
C. H. Parker & Son,	22 01	
Wayland Angier,	17 13	
W. S. Crawford,	1 95	
		$182 57

UNDERTAKER.

Paid services and death returns,	$13 25	
H. Splaine, death return,	25	
		$13 50

BOND FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Massachusetts Bonding Co.,		$24 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	$25 66	
H. K. Barnes, Co.,	21 14	
W. S. Crawford, fire wagon,	78 00	
C. S. Clifford,	1 50	
C. Cody,	3 00	
		$129 30

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Paid Edward Green,	$107 35	
W. R. Vance,	5 00	
G. S. Butler,	3 70	
		$116 05

OPENING ROADS.

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	$1 00	
Fred Exley,	1 11	
W. H. Riley,	1 33	
Justin Rawson,	1 05	
H. W. Stone,	1 33	
		$5 82

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	$45 95	
Carl Christiansen,	17 03	
George A. Briggs,	10 62	
George S. Butler,	40	
Clarence Grimes,	22 11	
		$96 11

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid G. S. Butler,	$2 79	
C. Cody,	2 50	
G. M. Dean,	10 05	
		$15 34

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax,	$625 00	
County tax,	385 00	
		$1010 00

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS.

Paid G. W. Stone,	$40 50

STATE ROAD.

Paid for building new road,	$4334 67

STATE AID.

Paid H. M. Green,	$36 00	
S. A. Reed,	48 00	
J. E. Stone,	72 00	
I. N. Munroe,	24 00	
S. Vaughn,	24 00	
		$204 00

WORCESTER TRUST CO.

Paid for money borrowed,	$1500 00	
Interest,	15 50	
		$1515 50

POLICE.

Paid Frank Cheever,	$2 00	
F. H. Parmenter,	5 00	
W. C. Ayres,	4 00	
C. S. Clifford,	8 00	
		$19 00

TREE WARDEN.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	$12 63

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid W. W. Russell, care of hall,	$54	12
W. W. Russell, building cupboard,	2	32
Jennie C. Spooner, printing,	117	25
W. C. Ayres, constable,	4	00
F. E. Davis, record book,	3	85
Hobbs & Warren, blanks,	1	36
W. H. Parkman, moving safe,	5	00
G. M. Dean, oil can,		65
G. M. Dean, express,	1	20
R. F. Parker, repairing door,	2	50
G. S. Butler, oil,	3	08
Jesse Allen, supplies,	4	59
C. F. Gettemy, certifying notes,	9	00
C. H. Parker & Son, oil tank,	5	00
Worcester Brass Band,	94	00
Jesse Allen, tuning piano,	3	35
O. V. I. Society, dinner for band,	10	50
Mrs. M. Malcolm, entertaining speaker,	2	00
John P. Day, repairs,		75
G. M. Dean, expenses to Oakdale,	1	76
Hobbs & Warren, warrants,	1	35
G. M. Dean, expenses to Boston,	4	35
M. D. Jones, markers for soldiers' graves,	100	00
Dr. E. S. Douglass, fumigating,	14	30
Davis & Cook, insurance,	75	00
John P. Day, wood,	20	00
Geo. S. Butler, oil,	19	29
Carter Ink Co., ink,		76
G. T. Butterfield, moving big safe,	10	00
F. H. Parmenter, dog officer,	7	60
Jennie C. Spooner, printing,	7	25
H. C. Fobes, labor,	1	50

Paid G. M. Dean, labor,	$1 50	
John P. Ranger, Fisk case,	11 60	
G. S. Butler, interest on state tax,	1 83	
W. E. Weeks, eave troughs,	25 16	
John P. Day, repairing pump,	75	
C. H. Trowbridge, labor,	1 75	
W. F. Fullam, chain and buckets,	4 10	
F. E. Davis, care town clock.	25 00	
E. A. Stevens, one-fourth liquor license,	250 00	
		$909 37
		$15,176 43

Revised List of Jurors.

Henry W. Bartlett, farmer,
Frank E. Davis, librarian,
Wayland Angier, farmer,
C. Frank Caldwell, mechanic,
Sylvester R. Dean, miller.
Wallace W. Grimes, farmer,
Sylvester H. Haskell, farmer.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER M. DEAN,
JOHN P. DAY,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
Selectmen of Oakham.

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

March 1, to cash on hand,		$512 22
Received of E. Cody, taxes, 1909,	811 22	
E. Cody, taxes, 1910,	222 09	
E. Cody, taxes, 1911,	831 66	
E. Cody, taxes, 1912,	5015 47	
Discount on taxes,	241 51	
Interest on cemetery fund for 1911-'12,	55 00	
Of cemetery committee,	100 25	
For rent of Memorial hall,	56 75	
For lot No. 41, in Pine Grove cemetery,	10 00	
For chemicals,	8 80	
H. H. Barnes, one carboy,	1 00	
B. & M. R. R., fighting fire,	4 45	
State of Massachusetts, protection against fires,	52 85	
For lumber,	6 00	
Guy C. Allen & Co., liquor license,	1000 00	
Same, Innholder's certificate,	1 00	
Two butchers' licenses,	2 00	
State of Massachusetts, compensated inspection of animals,	32 55	
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,	100 50	
State of Massachusetts, high school in special cases,	820 00	

Received, State of Massachusetts, income Massachusetts school fund,	$1302 55	
W. C. Temple, account school superintendent,	171 87	
Boston appropriation for school committee,	91 51	
Tuition for Barre school children,	38 00	
Rent of common, Aug. 28,	3 50	
Central district court, balance of fines.	13 57	
Matthew Walker, balance of fines,	6 08	
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax,	6 75	
State of Massachusetts, National Bank tax,	28 50	
State of Massachusetts, state aid,	264 00	
Dog fund returned, 86 per cent..	137 25	
F. E. Davis, fines and cards,	6 92	
Borrowed of Worcester Trust Co.,	2500 00	
State highway, loan fund,	1770 06	
Ruth H. Robinson estate,	50 00	
Interest on National Bank deposits,	11 09	
		$14,974 74
		$15,486 96

Cr.

By paying selectmen's orders,	$15,176 42	
Trust fund deposited,	50 00	
		$15,226 42
Balance in treasury,		$260 54
Due Worcester Trust Co.,		$1000 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

George H. Gould,	$100 00
Daniel H. Dean.	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150 00
Stephen Lincoln,	50 00
Charles H. Fobes,	100 00
Martha M. Macullar,	100 00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25 00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50 00
Mary E. Brown,	50 00
Weeks & Elliott,	100 00
Sumner Reed,	100 00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100 00
Lewis Allen,	100 00
Jesse Allen,	100 00
Ruth H. Robinson,	50 00
Library fund,	702 14

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. BUTLER,
Treasurer.

Collector's Report.

Dr.		
Uncollected taxes for 1909,	$35 96	
Interest,	3 18	
		$39 14
Cr.		
By treasurer's receipts,		11 22
		27 92
Dr.		
Uncollected taxes for 1910,	218 34	
Interest,	22 48	
Error in warrant,	17 04	
		257 86
Cr.		
By treasurer's receipts,		222 09
		35 77
Dr.		
Uncollected taxes for 1911,	959 37	
Interest,	41 34	
		1000 71
Cr.		
By treasurer's receipts,	831 66	
Abatements,	14 20	
		845 86
		154 85

Taxes committed to me for collection September 1, 1912.

State tax,	$625 00	
County tax,	385 00	
Town tax,	5089 00	
Overlayings,	105 71	
Interest,	3 38	
		$6208 09

Cr.

By treasurer's receipts,	5253 60
	$954 49

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,
Collector.

REPORT OF

Superintendent of Streets.

Paid W. A. Nye,	$599 10
G. T. Butterfield,	126 00
A. L. Newton,	105 00
S. F. Woodis,	168 21
J. C. Woodis,	188 13
Wm. Beckwith,	75 56
David Hallowell,	32 14
F. E. Loring,	11 32
Frank Howe,	24 00
N. J. Green,	23 32
C. G. Christiansen,	18 00
O. D. Webber,	6 10
C. H. Trowbridge,	5 25
Albert Wilson,	4 00
J. L. Smith,	9 85
Wm. Gaffney,	2 00
L. P. Green,	1 44
A. B. Spooner,	5 98
C. H. Parker & Son,	7 20
	$1413 35

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE,
Superintendent of Streets.

OPENING ROADS.

Paid W. A. Riley,	$1 33
Fred Exley,	1 11
J. E. Rawson,	1 05
H. W. Stone,	1 33
G. T. Butterfield,	1 00
	$5 82

REPORT OF THE

OVERSEERS of the POOR.

Paid Fred T. Parkman,	$47 00
C. S. Lane,	31 12
Westfield Sanatorium,	24 00
Dr. E. S. Douglass,	24 00
C. H. Parker & Son,	30 30
George S. Butler,	18 15
Mrs. Elbridge Capen,	8 00
Jesse Allen, overseer,	25 25
Wm. H. Parkman, overseer,	15 00
Edmund Cody, overseer,	5 00
	$227 82

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
EDMUND CODY,
Overseers of the Poor.

YEARLY REPORT OF THE
TOWN FARM ASSOCIATION

From February 1, 1912, to February 1, 1913.

EXPENDITURES.

Salary, warden and matron,	$650 00
Outside help,	335 55
Inside help,	430 23
Groceries,	1217 56
Meat,	323 82
Grain,	1181 87
Boots, shoes and clothing,	82 84
Medicine and medical attendance,	111 59
Miscellaneous,	430 15
Fish and oysters,	57 37
Tobacco,	31 32
Rent and interest,	585 96
Wood and coal,	256 18
Stock,	532 50
Tools and seeds,	186 62
Hardware,	20 60
Replenishing,	43 50
Phosphate,	47 00
Blacksmithing,	54 84
Filling silo,	74 25
Dry goods,	190 99

Horse,	$150 00
Veterinary,	14 70
Harness,	15 50
	$7024 94

RECEIPTS.

Milk,	$2411 70
Eggs and poultry,	90 96
Stock,	353 12
Outside labor,	430 96
Miscellaneous,	112 41
Vegetables,	103 00
Hay,	50 00
Board received from sundry persons,	190 50

CASH RECEIVED.

Charlton,	$329 11
Leicester,	599 25
Paxton,	201 91
Auburn,	254 89
Westminster,	751 00
Princeton,	201 91
Holden,	247 16
Hubbardston,	360 85
Rutland,	246 32
Hardwick,	89 89
	$7024 94

The number of inmates who have been supported by the Charlton Poor Farm Association from February 1, 1912, to February 1, 1913, constitutes the following apportionment:

Town.	Inmates.	Weeks.	Price.	Amount
Charlton,	2	85¾	$3.863	$329 11
Leicester,	4	156¼	3.863	599 25

Paxton,	1	$52\frac{2}{7}$	3.863	201 91
Auburn,	2	66	3.863	254 89
Westminster,	4	$194\frac{3}{7}$	3.863	751 00
Princeton,	1	$52\frac{2}{7}$	3.863	201 91
Holden,	3	64	3.863	247 16
Hubbardston,	2	$93\frac{3}{7}$	3.863	360 85
Rutland,	2	$63\frac{6}{7}$	3.863	246 32
Hardwick,	4	$23\frac{2}{7}$	3.863	89 89
				$3282 29

HOBART RAYMOND, *President.*

E. W. MERRICK, *Secretary.*

A. FREDERICK PUTNAM, *Treasurer.*

Fobes Memorial Library.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Balance on hand,	$0 90
Fines and cards,	6 92
Town,	5 00
To cash from dog fund,	134 82
	$147 64

CR.

Paid F. E. Davis, librarian,	$50 00
G. N. Briggs, exchange of books,	25 00
For books,	51 70
For magazines,	8 10
Town, cards and fines,	6 92
For postage, express and supplies,	2 54
	$144 26
Balance on hand,	3 38
	$147 64
Amount of library fund Jan. 1, 1913,	$702 14

Contributors to the library during the year: J. W. Baldwin, F. E. Davis, H. C. Fobes, Mrs. M. L. Woodis, Y. P. S. C. E., A. C. Angier, G. M. Dean, Mrs. Ella Bullard, Newton Monroe, W. H. Bullard, Mrs. Fannie Butler, Miss Emily K. Dean,

What all the World's a Seeking,	Ralph Waldo Trine
Sweet Clover,	Clara Burnham
The Circular Staircase,	Mary Rinehart
Book of Mormon.	
17th Reg. Mass. Vol. Infantry,	Thomas Kirwan
Lays of Ancient Rome,	Lord Macaulay
Life of Alice Freeman Palmer,	G. H. Palmer
Life of Mary Lyon,	B. B. Gilchrist
In Darkest Africa,	Henry M. Stanley
History of the Bible,	John Kitto, D. D.
The Art of Home Making,	Margaret Sangster
Game Birds, Wild Fowl and Shore Birds,	E. H. Forbush
Russell H. Conwell,	Agnes R. Burr
Chronicles of Avonlea,	L. M. Montgomery
The White Shield,	Myrtle Reed
Cap'n Warren's Wards,	Joseph Lincoln
At the Foot of the Rainbow,	Gene S. Porter
Their Yesterdays,	Harold B. Wright
Charge It,	Irving Bacheller
Dave Porter at Star Ranch,	Edward Stratemeyer
English Orphans,	Mary J. Holmes
Life and Religon of the Hindoos,	Joguth Gangooly
Picturesque America,	Wm. Cullen Bryant
Duxbury Vital Records.	
Framingham Vital Records.	
Sherborn Vital Records.	
Carver Vital Records.	
Newburyport Vital Records.	
Stow Vital Records.	
Hopkinton Vital Records.	
Worthington Vital Records.	
Hull Vital Records.	

FRANK E. DAVIS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE

Cemetery Committee.

Paid Edwin Green, superintendent, services,	$107 35
Geo. S. Butler,	3 70
W. R. Vance,	5 00
	$116 05

The cemeteries of the town have been well cared for during the year. A row of shade trees has been set out opposite the Pine Grove cemetery. Several have provided for the perpetual care of their family burial lots while living. Others will probably do so soon. The income of one hundred dollars amply provides for general care and necessary improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
J. P. FAIRBANK,
MASON S. DEAN,
Cemetery Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the selectmen, overseers of poor, school committee, road commissioner, cemetery committee, tree and fire wardens, moth exterminator and library trustees so far as I was able, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the treasurer and collector and found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES.

School fund,	$1302 55
Support of schools,	1200 00
School superintendent,	60 00
Medical inspection,	25 00
State return for school superintendent,	171 87
Education of State children,	100 50
Education of Boston children,	91 50
High school tuition refunded,	820 00
Education of Barre children,	38 00
	$3809 42

School Expenses.

SALARIES.

Paid Superintendent C. L. Randall,	$255 00
Miss F. E. Bothwell,	363 00
Ethel L. Braman,	330 00
Ruth E. Butterfield,	363 00
Lottie Thresher,	99 00
M. E. O'Donnell,	208 00
Mrs. Ettie Swindell,	330 00
Ruth Dwelley,	124 00
	$2072 00

SUPPLIES

Paid for supplies,	$183 21

FUEL.

Paid James Gaffney,	$11 00
J. E. Stone,	12 50
W. R. Dean,	20 00
J. P. Day,	20 00
G. T. Butterfield,	11 40
	$74 90

TUITION.

Paid town of North Brookfield,	$240 00
Paid town of Barre,	450 00
Paid town of Hardwick,	50 00
Paid town of Holden,	80 00
	$820 00

REPAIRS.

Paid for repairs,	$438 23

CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid W. W. Russell,	$57 90
Willie Gaffney,	17 00
Herman Dean,	3 50
Marion Rutherford,	4 00
Walter Tucker,	4 00
Eric Harvey,	15 00
	$101 40

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Paid Dr. A. H. Fuller,	$3 00
Dr. Stickney,	20 00
	$23 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid J. N. Ball,	$6 00
Jesse Allen,	36 00
Mrs. M. L. Woodis,	13 45
	$55 45
Total,	$3768 19

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
J. NELSON BALL,
MINNIE L. WOODIS,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE

Superintendent of Schools.

HOLDEN, MARCH 6, 1913.

To the School Committee of the Town of Oakham:

YOUR schools are in good condition at the present time. There has been but one change among your teachers during the past year, Miss Lottie Thresher, who taught at the West, is now taking a normal school course at Fitchburg. Her home friends wish her every success. Miss May E. O'Donnell, who is now teaching at the West school, is doing good work; we were fortunate to secure her.

The number of pupils has changed but slightly from that of a year ago, one more. Your pupils who are attending high schools in other towns are uniformly doing satisfactory work.

There has been more than the ordinary amount of sickness for the past year, though not of a serious nature. Many pupils who are accustomed to have their names placed on the Honor Roll have been prevented from a perfect attendance by illness; for this reason I have prepared a list marked "Honorary Mention."

DESKS.

We have been so fortunate this year as to be able to place adjustable desks and seats in each school in town. This is a step of some importance. It is worth much to the physical

welfare of the pupil that his seat and desk be comfortable and adjusted to his height.

DISTRICTS.

Maps, too, have been placed in the three districts. It is my belief that just so long as there are pupils enough in a district to make it worth while to continue the school, we should endeavor to give to the children of these schools in furniture, supplies, and all equipment, just as good as we do to the children of the village.

In this connection I wish to tell you of an attempt that I have made in the Dawson district school in Holden, to furnish distribution of heat and ventilation. It is well-known that the common wood stove placed in one end of the rooms, heats only by conduction and offers absolutely nothing in the way of ventilation.

A hole fourteen inches square was cut under the stove and a jacket was made from galvanized iron just the height of the stove and six inches larger in radius. Many small holes, whose aggregate area equaled the aperture beneath the stove, were cut in the top of the jacket. When a window was lowered as remote as possible from the stove you will see that a simple method of heating and ventilating is secured.

It will take but an elementary knowledge of the laws of physics to perceive that this method must prove a success. I visited the school in question on the coldest day of the present winter to see the workings of the jacketed stove, both teacher and older pupils gave unqualified testimony to its success. One eighth grade girl in the back of the room said, "It's just the same heat here now as anywhere else in the room."

The cost is less than ten dollars per school and would save itself in a few years in fuel.

I would like to see such an arrangement as I have described in every district schoolhouse,

GRADUATION.

The annual ninth grade graduation exercises occurred June 14, 1912, with the following program:

March,	The Schools
Invocation,	Rev. Albert Plumb
Song, "Bluebirds,"	Schools
Welcome,	Aloin Barrows Swindell
Recitation, "Two Seekers,"	Edward Gaffney
Recitation, "Just a Laugh,"	Helen Gaffney
Duet, "Reuben and Rachel,"	Helma Carlson, Dorothy Newton
Essay, "The Potato Club,"	John O'Donnell
Recitation, "Vacation,"	Willie Gaffney
Recitation, "Push On,"	Eddie Sullivan
Song, "Springtime,"	Schools
Exercise, "In June,"	Catherine and Anna Leyden
Recitation, "Envy,"	Douglas Rutherford
Dialogue, "In Bookland,"	Coldbrook School
Song, "Lily Bells,"	Schools
Address,	J. E. Warren, Agent of State Board Education
Song, "Woodland Rose,"	Schools
Farewell,	Herman Dean
Presentation of Certificates,	Dea. Jesse Allen
Closing Song,	School

BANKING.

In May of 1912 arrangements were made with the Worcester County Institution for Savings whereby a pupil may deposit in his own school any sum from a penny up with perfect safety. When his money amounts to three dollars it is placed on interest and a real bank book is issued to the child. This has been done with no expense either to the pupil or to

the town. One hundred seventy-four dollars and fifty-four cents have been deposited by Oakham pupils since the inception of this plan in May.

Not only is thrift taught to the child, but good business training also is encouraged, as he makes out his own deposit slips and learns something of banking laws.

LUNCH.

I described one year ago the lunch hour in the Grammar school. We have added to the plan by having a few dishes, cups and saucers, etc., and a table is set during the winter term. Anyone who called at the room at 12.15 o'clock would be impressed with the homelike attitude, with teacher seated at the head of the table, and as many pupils as possible arranged around the table with the others seated at desks in the front of the room, while the lunches are eaten off plates, and hot cocoa is served by some of the older girls.

This whole service takes but a few minutes daily from school time, not more than five for one girl, and makes the noon period among the most valuable of the day.

Any school where the teacher carries her own lunch can do something similar. I heartily commend it. It has been tried with success in one of my district schools in another town.

INSTITUTE.

On January 15, 1913, Mr. J. E. Warren held an all-day teacher's convention for the teachers of my district at Holden.

Miss Hannah P. Waterman of North Adams Normal School and Mr. Wm. E. Riley of Lowell Normal School were the speakers. The day was a success; the lessons given by Mr. Riley with the teachers for his class are already showing effect in the daily work in the schoolroom.

POTATO CLUB.

The potato club was again carried on successfully with seed potatoes furnished by the state college. At the Fair held under auspices of the Grange last October new features were seen.

I hope that all kinds of home gardening will be encouraged this year, not alone potatoes, and that a respectable showing be made in vegetables, flower raising, cooking and sewing.

COLDBROOK.

The school building at Coldbrook is so situated directly at the foot of an almost overhanging hill that the building is in the shadow long before school closes from November first to February first, while on dark days it is almost impossible to see after three o'clock. The buildings should be moved to nearly the middle of the South side of the yard, with rear close to the South line and facing a northerly direction, instead of facing the road. This change would not add to the beauty of the situation, but would be a decided benefit for the eyes of the pupil. I hope that some of the patrons of this school will carefully consider this recommendation. The estimated cost is one hundred dollars.

A LONGER SCHOOL YEAR.

The length of the school year has recently been increased one week. This is not enough. The latest report of the State Board of Education gives but two other towns in the state with school year so short as that of Oakham. I believe that it will be possible financially to so estimate our funds for another year that the length of the school year be increased. I recommend an attempt for a thirty-six weeks' school year.

INDUSTRIAL STUDIES.

You listened with interest to the address of State Agent Warren at your last graduation. It is time to think seriously

of this matter, not alone as a subject of educational interest as showing what has been done in other towns of the state, but what can be done in Oakham. I have recently started work of this nature, that is an industrial type, in the small town of Paxton with every prospect of success.

Woodworking and home gardening are being carried on for the boys; sewing and cooking are being taught the girls. We have been in the work only during the Winter term, but it has been long enough to indicate that it is worth while. One-fourth day per week is taken for this work; it is probably the most important quarter day in the week. I do not think that anything is lost from the regulation school work, as the pupils bring a greater interest to their studies. I consider the three "R's," the reading, writing and arithmetic, as the essentials of education. I not only say that these must be taught as well as in the olden days, but I say that they must be taught better than in the old times. Yes, I will say that right here in your own schools they *are* taught better than in old-time schools.

I believe that no superintendent, and no teacher, has a right to consider these new, the industrial studies, until such time as the essentials are well done. But when these important book subjects are well taught, as is true in your schools, I believe that we are not doing our full duty to the child if we do not open to him these subjects which the entire United States is to-day declaring important.

If this to us new phase of education is so important for Paxton that it has already received words of commendation from teachers employed by the state, is there any known reason why it should not be advantageous to Oakham? Your superintendent will be pleased to discuss this matter privately or publicly with any parents of the schools or citizens of the town interested.

I call your attention to the report of the Music Supervisor, the School Physician, the Table of Statistics and the Roll of Honor.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. L. RANDALL,
Superintendent.

School Physician's Report.

Mr. Charles L. Randall, Superintendent of Schools, Holden:

DEAR SIR:—In the performance of my duties as School Physician of the Town of Oakham, I visited the schools of that town on June 4, 1912, and again on September 12, 1912. The summary of the September report follows:

Number of pupils enrolled,	88
Number of pupils present,	84
Number of pupils absent,	4
Vaccinated,	74
Unvaccinated,	10
Enlarged tonsils,	9

The number of unvaccinated pupils, while less than last year, is still larger than it ought to be. It gives too favorable an opportunity for the spread of small-pox, if that disease should appear. In other respects the favorable impression noted in last year's report has been confirmed by the observations of the present year.

Yours very respectfully,

C. W. STICKNEY,
School Physician.

Holden, Feb. 10, 1913.

Report of the Supervisor of Music.

Mr. C. L. Randall, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—Few changes have been made in the conditions under which music is taught since the work has been under my direction. The time devoted to the work remains unchanged.

In all the grades I find an eager interest in music, manifested by the children in enthusiastic singing and this spirit is largely inspired by the teachers, who realize that not only is the child developing mentally, but physically and spiritually as well.

All children love to sing and they sing naturally of love, happiness, joy, patriotism and good will; the evil impulses of the soul do not thrive in a musical atmosphere.

So we count music one of the many things in modern education which appeals to the child and serves to create higher ideals.

In all grades note songs are being taught continually and all the individual help posssible is given to the monotones. Aside from the important principles involved in time and tune, individual attention has been given to tone placing and tone production and a marked improvement in tone is noticed.

Children perceive rhythm before they do melody and in the song-plays, which are taught in the primary grades, make the rhythm of music fit the idea expressed in motions.

The upper grades are doing creditable work and the teachers are privileged at any time to introduce such work as will relate the music to the general subjects. The supervisor stands ready to assist in this work when asked.

The spirit of both teachers and pupils has been most sympathetic, and I wish again to express gratitude for the beautiful flowers which so sweetly expressed their sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLEY.

Supervisor of Music.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

SCHOOL	TEACHER	EDUCATED AT	Length of Service	Salary	Total Enrolment	Present Enrolment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Number of Visitors	Number of Pupils 7 to 14	No. of Pupils in 9th Grade	No. of Pupils in 8th Grade	No. of Bank Depositors	Amount of Deposits
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	No. Brookfield High	33	$12	26	23	23.7	21.8	92.2	60	22	2	4	18	$49.59
Primary	Ethel Braman	Northfield Seminary	33	$10	18	13	13.9	13.1	93.3	35	13	0	0	7	$4.21
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	33	$11	27	22	22.3	21.6	96.8	65	15	4	0	15	$50.13
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	32	$10	13	10	11.2	10.5	94.6	37	9	1	2	5	$13.61
West	May E. O'Donnell	Barre High	32	$10	12	10	10.9	10.1	92.3	44	9	1	2	0	

NOTE—Figures based on records since September.
Total number of pupils, 96.
Amount of deposits since May, $117.54.

OAKHAM ROLL OF HONOR.

EIGHT YEARS.—George Dean.

TWO YEARS.—Dorothy Newton, Walter Tucker.

ONE YEAR.—Lavander Clifford, Gladys Stone.

TWO TERMS.—Hazel Grimes, Alexina Labonte, Eddie O'Donnell, Edith Plumb, Ruth Morse, Doris Bruce, Ivah Cody, Vernon Flynn, Ruby Bullard, Iola Wilson, Rosa Wilson, Susie Winslow, Franklin Cheever, Holbrook Prescott, Harold Bullard, Beatrice Howe, Doris Prevost.

ONE TERM.—Ella Ferrin, Walter Howe, Alfred Morse, Orton Butler, William Morse, Leslie Ensor, Laura Sney, Albert Prendergast, Viola Hapgood, Herman Dean, Henry Blake, Ralph Cody, Albert Eggleston, Walter Pierce, Ralph Prescott, Lena Knight, Joseph Bruce, Jennie Bullard, Gladys Cheever, Edgar Hall, Eric Harvey, Earle Parker, Myrtle Wilder, Edward Gaffney, Marian Ferrin, Kenneth Pierce, Esther Briggs, Euola Clifford, George Grimes, Roy Howe, Herbert Howe.

Honorary Mention.

Absent only on account of sickness.

Orton Butler, Leslie Ensor, Hazel Grimes, George Grimes, Walter Howe, Alexina Labonte, Alfred Morse, William Morse, Eddie O'Donnell, Edith Plumb, Joseph Bruce, Frances Hicks, Holbrook Prescott, Ralph Prescott, Henry Blake, Ivah Cody, Ralph Cody, Albert Eggleston, Vernon Flynn, Earle Parker, Walter Pierce, Susie Winslow, Edward McTeague, Harlan Boyd, Harry Boyd, Helen Gaffney, William Gaffney, Thomas Moran, Ethel Rutherford, Viola Hapgood, Helen Parkman, Hazel Briggs, Euola Clifford, Roy Howe, Herbert Howe, Doris Prevost, Albert Briggs, Esther Briggs.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
For the Year 1912.

BIRTHS.

January 1, daughter (Barbara) to C. Frank and Ida F. Caldwell.

January 3, daughter (Dorothy Arline) to Bert S. and Alice Reed.

April 24, daughter (Edna Miriam) to Robert and Fannie Dwelley.

June 18, son (Wm. Walter) to Oliver and Etta Wilkins.

June 23, son (Willard Colin) to Clifford and Lillian Rutherford.

July 23, daughter (Hazel Beatrice) to Fabius W. and Rhoda C. Beckwith.

August 7, daughter (Nellie Tatricia) to E. J. and Laura Crawford.

October 19, daughter (Marjorie Ruberta) to Sylvester and Ethel Dean.

November 24, daughter (Mary Catherine) to Thomas and Ellen McTeague.

MARRIAGES.

June 29, Irving L. Gardner to Katheryn O'Donnell.

September 4, Edward S. Lawlor to Katheryn L. Gilboy.

September 16, E. Leroy Barr to Charlotte Keep.

DEATHS.

DATE.	NAME.	YRS.	MOS.	DAYS
February 12,	Mrs. Emma P. Alix,	44	11	8
March 18,	James C. Bigelow,	72	3	19
April 22,	Mrs. Lavinia E. Caldwell,	65	9	22
May 27,	Henry D. Cummings,	28	10	16
September 10,	Mrs. Katheryn Lawlor,	31	11	21
October 22,	Mrs. Mary A. Briggs,	57	1	3

BURIED IN TOWN.

May 26,	Henry L. Babbitt,	54	8	20
July 30,	Child of M. F. Lincoln.			
October 2,	Mrs. Mary E. Hubbard,	80	3	28

Population, 552.
Number of voters: Male, 142; female, 10.
Number of dogs licensed, 72; male, 62; female, 10.
Number of hunter's licenses issued, 59.

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester. GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the thirty-first day of March, current, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator, to preside at all town meetings, except for election of State officers, during the coming year.

Article 2d. To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

Article 3d. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers and six Constables, for one year. Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" all on one ballot. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for bonding their treasurer and collector.

Article 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 9th. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the current municipal year beginning April 1, 1913, in anticipation of the taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town thereof, payable within one year from the date thereof, these notes to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

Article 10th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 11th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Article 12th. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town for the ensuing year.

Article 13th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Article 14th. To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.

Article 15th. To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 16th. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock and Library Building for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 17th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of the gypsy and brown tail moth.

Article 18th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the building of a fence on the line of the new road leading to the depot, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 19th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road from near the house of Jason Allen by the way of the Kelley hill, to Coldbrook depot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices, and one at the Congregational meeting house, in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

GARDNER M. DEAN,
JOHN P. DAY,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD, } *Selectmen of Oakham.*

A true copy. Attest. WILLIAM C. AYRES, *Constable.*

Annual Report of the Town Officials of . . . . . .

. . . . For the Financial Year . . . . Ending . March 1, 1914

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town Officials

OF

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending March 1, 1914.

THE BARRE GAZETTE MOTOR PRINT.
BARRE, MASS.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1913.

TOWN CLERK:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1915

SELECTMEN:

JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1916
GARDNER M. DEAN,	Term expires 1915
GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD,	Term expires 1914

ASSESSORS:

SYLVESTER H. HASKELL,	Term expires 1916
WALTER A. WOODIS,	Term expires 1915
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1914

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,	Term expires 1916
WM. H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1915
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1914

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

J. NELSON BALL,	Term expires 1916
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1915
MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1914

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1916
MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1915
SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1914

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1916
MASON S. DEAN,	Term expires 1915
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1914

COLLECTOR:

EDMUND CODY.

TREASURER:

JOHN W. DWELLY.

AUDITOR:

WALTER M. ROBINSON.

TREE WARDEN:

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR:

GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD.

FENCE VIEWERS:

JESSE ALLEN, S. H. HASKELL,
C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

CONSTABLES:

WILLIAM C. AYRES, WALTER R. DEAN,
FRANK L. CHEEVER, HENRY W. BARTLETT,
FREDERICK EXLEY, FRED H. PARMENTER.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK:

F. C. CALDWELL, A. C. MORSE, S. R. DEAN.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

W. A. WOODIS, J. LEYDEN, O. D. WEBBER.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

WAYLAND ANGIER.

FIELD DRIVERS:

WAYLAND ANGIER, J. W. DWELLY, A. K. REED.

CATTLE INSPECTOR:

HENRY W. STONE.

UNDERTAKER:

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

AGENT TO PROSECUTE AND DEFEND ALL SUITS FOR OR AGAINST THE TOWN:

FRANK S. CONANT.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

ROBERT J. BRAMHALL.

FOREST FIREWARD:

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE.

REPORT OF

THE SELECTMEN.

THE selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending March 1, 1914:

Paid Town Officers.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid town clerk for services,		$38 20

TREASURER.

Paid treasurer for services,	$35 00	
Postage and express,	7 57	
		$42 57

COLLECTOR.

Paid collector for services and stamps,	$83 00	
For two books,	3 64	
Discount on taxes,	278 79	
		$365 43

SELECTMEN.

Paid Gardner M. Dean,	$25 00	
John P. Day,	18 75	
Gilbert T. Butterfield,	25 00	
Postage and telephoning,	5 04	
		$73 79

ASSESSORS.

Paid Sylvester H. Haskell,	$34 10	
Walter A. Woodis,	49 35	
William H. Parkman,	43 75	
Deeds and probates,	4 65	
		$131 85

AUDITOR.

Paid Walter M. Robinson,	$25 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid Wayland Angier,	$15 00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid for support of paupers,	$110 96

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid for support of schools,	$4136 97

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid for highways and bridges,	$1321 24

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Paid for support of library,	$342 38

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid Sylvester R Dean,	$8 00	
Appleton L. Newton,	2 00	
Alfred C. Morse,	8 00	
Walter McClanathan,	2 00	
Edward J. Crawford,	6 00	
Frank E. Davis,	2 00	
C. Frank Caldwell,	2 00	
		$30 00

UNDERTAKER.

Paid for services and death returns,	$16 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid Gardner M. Dean,	$6 00	
John P. Day.	6 00	
Gilbert T. Butterfield,	6 00	
Jesse Allen,	2 00	
	——	$20 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Earl Lawless,	$60 00	
Wayland Angier,	88 40	
C. H. Parker & Son,	20 32	
George S. Butler,	6 10	
	——	$174 82

BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Massachusetts Bonding Co.,		$24 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	$38 15	
Edmund Cody,	3 00	
Coldbrook Fire Department,	23 30	
H. K. Barnes & Co.,	79 08	
Gardner M. Dean.	2 24	
John P. Day,	2 25	
George N. Briggs,	1 12	
James P. Fairbank,	1 12	
John W. Dwelly,	1 12	
Mason S. Dean,	1 12	
Henry W. Stone,	1 12	
George A. Briggs,	1 12	
Dennis Leyden,	1 12	
Edgar Swindell,	1 12	
Appleton L. Newton,	1 12	
David Jameson,	1 12	
Charles S. Clifford,	3 75	

Paid Henry D. Bullard,	$1 57	
George S. Butler,	4 25	
Arthur B. Spooner,	50	
		$169 29

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Paid Edwin Green,	$137 74	
Mason S. Dean,	6 38	
George S. Butler,	3 30	
William Gaffney,	10 00	
William S. Crawford,	3 75	
Ira Stone,	9 40	
John Dwelly,	8 00	
William H. Parkman,	10 75	
Walter A. Woodis,	1 20	
C. H. Parker & Son,	1 50	
		$192 02

BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	$58 12	
George A. Briggs,	27 50	
W. Edgar Swindell,	26 87	
		$112 49

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax,	$800 00	
County tax,	364 00	
		$1164 00

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS.

Paid Henry W. Stone, 1913 and 1914,	$69 00	
George W. Stone, 1912,	10 00	
		$79 00

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS.

Paid Henry W. Stone,		$34 00

STATE AID.

Paid Horace M. Green,	$36 00	
John E. Stone,	72 00	
S. Amanda Reed,	48 00	
Sarah D. Vaughn,	8 00	
		$164 00

WORCESTER TRUST CO.

Paid for money borrowed,	$3000 00	
Interest,	87 47	
		$3087 47

POLICE.

Paid William C. Ayres,	$12 00	
John Ranger,	4 10	
Fred H. Parmenter,	13 90	
		$30 00

TREE WARDEN.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	$6 47

GRAVEL ROAD.

Paid Gilbert T. Butterfield,	$61 75	
Appleton Newton,	48 75	
Edwin Green,	21 67	
Winthrop Boyd,	15 67	
James Woodis,	21 67	
Charles Wheeler,	21 67	
Newton Green,	4 00	
Evender Green,	9 67	
		$204 85

OPENING ROADS.

Paid for opening roads,	$386 61

WORK ON NEW ROAD.

Paid Gilbert T. Butterfield,	$18 00	
Charles H. Wheeler,	6 00	
James C. Woodis,	6 00	
Winthrop H. Boyd,	6 00	
Appleton L. Newton,	4 50	
		$40 50

FENCE ON NEW ROAD.

Paid R. F. Parker for building fence,	$204 71	
C. H. Parker & Son for wire,	63 50	
W. R. Dean for posts and braces,	79 95	
F. S. Conant for staples,	2 08	
D. Labonte for post irons,	1 00	
G. M. Dean for work,	7 82	
J. McTeague for work,	1 80	
		$360 86

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid W. W. Russell, care of hall,	$61 82
G. M. Dean, for recording deeds,	1 80
W. E. Swindell, use of stone boat,	3 50
G. M. Dean, express,	40
J. P. Day, quarantine of W. Gilboy,	8 00
E. W. Prouty, tuning piano,	2 50
Hobbs & Warren, license blanks,	32
E. A. Stevens, one-fourth liquor license,	250 00
C. H. Trowbridge, chain for pump,	75
F. S. Conant, batteries for vault,	2 67
Jennie C. Spooner, printing,	60 00
C. F. Gettemy, certifying notes,	6 00
W. & L. E. Gueley, die for steel press,	62
G. F. Pratt, spraying trees,	21 00
C. H. Trowbridge, spraying trees,	2 30
J. C. Spooner, repairing town seal,	6 00

Paid C. H. Trowbridge, work at library,	$10 05	
Walter A. Woodis, lime,	1 20	
C. H. Trowbridge, oil closet,	19 27	
F. H. Parmenter, dog officer,	7 00	
C. H. Trowbridge, labor on tool house,	1 25	
W. W. Russell, for brick,	2 46	
W. R. Dean, wood,	7 00	
G. M. Dean, preambulating town line,	2 00	
J. P. Day, preambulating town line,	2 00	
G. M. Dean, use of team,	2 00	
W. Augier, cleaning furnace pipe,	1 25	
C. H. Parker & Son,	3 90	
W. S. Crawford, repairing old library,	3 99	
Jesse Allen, wood,	13 50	
W. R. Dean, wood,	15 00	
C. F. Caldwell, axe,	1 60	
P. Power, Jr., work at library,	21 10	
F. E. Davis, care of town clock,	25 00	
		$567 25
		$13467 02

Revised List of Jurors.

Henry W. Bartlett, farmer,
Frank E. Davis, librarian,
Wayland Angier, farmer,
Sylvester H. Haskell, farmer,
Thomas C. Gaffney, farmer,
William C. Ayres, mechanic,
Fred H. Parmenter, mechanic.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER M. DEAN,
JOHN P. DAY,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
Selectmen of Oakham.

Treasurer's Report.

Dr.

March 1, to cash on hand,		$260 54
Received of E. Cody, taxes, 1909,	$33 78	
E. Cody, taxes, 1910,	41 14	
E. Cody, taxes, 1911,	154 88	
E. Cody, taxes, 1912,	976 72	
E. Cody, taxes, 1913,	5957 88	
Discount on taxes,	278 79	
Cemetery Committee,	60 50	
For rent of Memorial hall,	60 50	
W. H. Parkman, blackboard,	1 00	
H. T. Needham & Co., liquor license,	1000 00	
Two innholders' certificates,	2 00	
Two butchers' licenses,	2 00	
State of Massachusetts, compensated inspection of animals,	21 50	
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,	29 00	
State of Massachusetts, high school in special cases,	694 00	
State of Massachusetts, income of Massachusetts school fund,	1087 68	
W. C. Temple, account school superintendent,	187 50	
Boston appropriation for school committee,	91 50	
Tuition for Barre school children,	57 50	

Received Matthew Walker, balance of fines,	$21 00	
B. & M. R. R, chemicals,	1 56	
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax,	3 99	
State of Massachusetts, National Bank tax,	45 04	
State of Massachusetts, state aid,	212 00	
Dog fund returned (89.441 per cent.)	113 22	
County highway commission,	150 00	
Ione Earl B. Holden,	50 00	
Lyman S. Walker,	100 00	
State of Massachusetts, temporary aid,	21 00	
Auctioneer's license,	2 00	
For cement,	4 00	
Interest on National Bank deposits,	20 41	
Borrowed of Worcester Trust Co.,	2000 00	
Interest on cemetery fund,	38 25	
F. E. Davis, fines and cards,	5 75	
		13526 09
		13786 63

Cr.

By paying selectmen's orders,	$13467 02	
Trust funds deposited,	150 00	
		$13617 02
Balance in treasury,		169 61

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

George H. Gould,	$100 00
Daniel H. Dean,	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150 00
Stephen Lincoln,	50 00
Charles H. Fobes,	100 00
Martha M. Macullar,	100 00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25 00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50 00
Mary E. Brown,	50 00
Weeks & Elliott.	100 00
Sumner Reed,	100 00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100 00
Lewis Allen,	100 00
Jesse Allen,	100 00
Ruth H. Robinson,	50 00
A. J. Holden,	50 00
Lyman S. Walker,	100 00
Library fund,	702 14

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,

Treasurer.

Collector's Report.

Dr.		
Uncollected taxes for 1909,	$27 92	
Interest,	5 86	
		$33 78
Cr.		
By treasurer's receipts,		$33 78
Dr.		
Uncollected taxes for 1910,	$35 77	
Interest,	5 37	
		$41 14
Cr.		
By treasurer's receipts,		$41 14
Dr.		
Uncollected taxes for 1911,	$154 85	
Interest,	12 09	
Error in warrant,	6 72	
		$173 66
Cr.		
By treasurer's receipts,	$154 88	
Abatements,	18 78	
		$173 66
Dr.		
Uncollected taxes for 1912,	$954 49	
Interest,	37 26	
		$991 75
Cr.		
By treasurer's receipts,	$977 12	
Abatements,	14 63	
		$991 75

Taxes committed to me for collection, September 1, 1913:

Town tax,	$5610 94	
State tax,	800 00	
County tax,	364 00	
Overlayings,	227 28	
Interest,	7 60	
		7009 82

Cr.

By treasurer's receipts,	6236 67
	$773 15

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,
Collector.

REPORT OF

Superintendent of Streets.

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	$461 25
Frank Winslow,	165 75
James Woodis,	140 11
Charles Wheeler,	110 34
D. Hallowell,	74 90
W. Boyd,	58 89
Ed. Green,	31 00
H. D. Bullard,	24 00
Newton Green,	23 00
Evander Green,	19 56
Thomas Gaffney,	16 90
F. Parkman,	13 50
Sylvester Dean,	13 50
George Briggs,	12 44
Alfred Morse,	9 56
Patrick O'Donnell,	7 78
M. M. Butterfield,	7 00
A. L. Newton,	4 50
F. Stone,	4 00
D. O'Donnell,	1 78
G. T. Butterfield,	47 61
J. M. Moore,	20 00
W. R. Dean.	14 60
Will Nye.	12 00
G. W. Cook,	10 88
N. E. Machine Co.,	9 10

Paid C. H. Parker & Son,		$3 75
W. C. Ayers,		3 54
		1321 24
Work on new road,	$40 50	
Work on gravel road,	204 85	
		245 35
Total,		1566 59
Cr.		
Received from State,		150 00
Total cost to town,		1416 59

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
Superintendent of Streets.

OPENING HIGHWAY.

1912-1913.

Paid William Gaffney,	$3 39	
Thomas Gaffney,	5 23	
Patrick Scott,	5 22	
Henry Crawford,	5 11	
F. Beckwith,	2 00	
John Gilboy,	1 78	
Justin Rawson,	1 31	
		$24 04

1914.

Paid F. W. Beckwith,	$38 42
Thomas Gaffney,	32 55
G. T. Butterfield,	31 50
I. W. Stone,	25 27
H. W. Stone,	17 50
Justin Rawson,	14 73
James Scott,	14 22
Mason Dean,	12 71
Exley & Riley,	12 22
Will Gaffney,	11 58
Clayton Adams,	10 11
James Gaffney,	10 00
S. H. Haskell,	9 55
Walter Woodis,	8 00
Leo Scott,	7 77
Frank Lupier,	7 50
Sylvester Dean,	6 50
Frank Winslow,	6 50
A. L. Newton,	6 00
Edgar Swindell,	6 00
Henry Crawford,	5 00
Evander Green,	4 67
H. B. Bullard,	4 50

Paid Fred Parkman,	$4 50	
Ed. Bullard,	4 00	
Mitze George,	4 00	
David Hallowell,	4 00	
Will Parkman,	3 56	
James Garland,	3 55	
Charles Trowbridge,	3 33	
Will Bullard,	3 11	
John Dwelly,	2 44	
Bert Reed,	2 44	
Peter Clough,	2 44	
John Robinson,	2 00	
Henry Grimes,	2 00	
John O'Donnell,	1 95	
John Moran,	2 89	
Will Moran,	1 89	
Robert Briggs,	1 89	
W. R. Dean,	1 89	
Patrick O'Donnell,	1 55	
H. S. Newton,	1 35	
Arthur Spooner,	1 33	
Thomas Moran,	98	
Warren Newton,	90	
George Briggs,	89	
D. A. Rutherford,	89	
		$362 57
Total,		$386 61

REPORT OF THE

OVERSEERS of the POOR.

Paid Mrs. Elbridge Capen, board and care,	$8 86
George S. Butler, clothing,	14 20
James P. Fairbank, burial,	12 00
C. H. Parker & Son, groceries,	6 00
Mr. and Mrs. James Woodis, labor,	5 40
Poor Farm Association, working capital,	25 00
Jessie Allen, overseer,	21 50
William H. Parkman, overseer,	14 00
Charles H. Trowbridge, overseer,	4 00
	$110 96

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
W. H. PARKMAN,
C. H. TROWBRIDGE,
Overseers of the Poor.

YEARLY REPORT OF THE
TOWN FARM ASSOCIATION
From February 1, 1913, to February 1, 1914.

EXPENDITURE.

Salary of warden and matron,	$650 00
Outside help,	626 98
Inside help,	416 41
Dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes,	359 39
Groceries,	1318 56
Meat,	427 06
Grain,	1312 75
Medicine and medical attendance,	91 20
Miscellaneous,	482 57
Fish and oysters,	49 58
Tobacco,	25 02
Rent and interest,	585 96
Coal,	203 69
Stock,	205 00
Wagons, farm implements, tools, seeds,	401 48
Hardware,	71 75
Replenishing,	56 58
Phosphates,	109 40
Blacksmithing,	123 00
Filling silo,	81 20
Harvesting ice,	52 20
Veterinary,	44 25
	$7694 03

The number of inmates who have been supported by the Charlton Poor Farm Association from February 1, 1913, to February 1, 1914, constitutes the following apportionment:

Town.	Inmates.	Weeks.	Price.	Amount.
Charlton,	3	$76\frac{6}{7}$	$3.897	$299 44
Leicester,	4	$136\frac{4}{7}$	3.897	532 15
Paxton,	2	$64\frac{2}{7}$	3.897	250 44
Westminster,	2	$65\frac{1}{7}$	3.897	253 65
Princeton,	1	$52\frac{1}{7}$	3.897	203 13
Holden,	1	$52\frac{1}{7}$	3.897	203 13
Hubbardston,	6	$82\frac{6}{7}$	3.897	322 81
Auburn,	1	$13\frac{3}{7}$	3.897	51 69
Rutland,	4	$69\frac{2}{7}$	3.897	269 93
Millbury,	6	$231\frac{3}{7}$	3.897	902 92
Sterling,	1	$34\frac{1}{7}$	3.897	132 93
Holland,	1	$19\frac{6}{7}$	3.897	77 26
				$3499 48

RECEIPTS.

Milk,	$2757 10
Eggs and poultry,	132 60
Vegetables,	22 07
Outside labor,	851 05
Stock,	115 50
Board received from sundry persons,	245 60
Miscellaneous,	10 81
Hay,	59 82

CASH RECEIVED

Charlton,	$299 44
Leicester,	532 15
Paxton,	250 44
Westminster,	253 65

Princeton,	$203 13
Holden,	203 13
Hubbardston,	322 81
Auburn,	51 69
Rutland,	269 93
Millbury,	902 92
Sterling,	132 93
Holland,	77 26
	$7694 03

Following is a list of towns comprising the Charlton Poor Farm Association: Charlton, Leicester, Paxton, Westminster, Princeton, Holden, Hubbardston, Auburn, Rutland, Millbury, Sterling, Holland, Hardwick, Phillipston and Oakham.

HOBART RAYMOND, *President.*
E. W. MERRICK, *Secretary.*
A. FREDERICK PUTNAM, *Treasurer.*

Fire Warden's Report.

There has been only one very serious forest fire in town the past year. That was in Coldbrook. There have been several small fires during the year. One set of buildings has been burned at the North Four Corners and owned by a party in Worcester. No one there at the time. There have been several alarms caused by chimney fires, but not much damage done owing to having a good supply of extinguishers. The town has purchased more extinguishers the past year and they have been placed to good advantage. Still a few more could be placed to good advantage. A fire wagon at Coldbrook and two extension ladders are needed; one at Oakham Center and one at Coldbrook. It has been said by parties in the employ of the state that the town is better protected against fire than any town of its size in the state, yet some of these things here suggested would be money well laid out. The town paid out on account of fires the past year $169.29, which would probably have been very much more if we had not had a good supply of extinguishers.

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,

Fire Warden.

Fobes Memorial Library.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR.

Balance on hand,	$3 38
Fines and cards,	5 75
Town,	5 00
To cash from dog fund,	113 22
	$127 35

CR.

Paid F. E. Davis, librarian,	$75 00
G. N. Briggs, exchange of books,	25 00
For books,	8 90
For magazines,	8 55
Express and postage,	3 76
Town, cards and fines,	5 75
	$126 96
Overdrawn balance on hand,	$4 62
Amount of library fund Jan. 1, 1913,	$702 14

Contributors to the library during the year: Mrs. Geo. Butler, Henry C. Fobes, Mrs. A. D. Adams, Prof. H. P. Wright, Mrs. Celia E. Fobes, Woman's Education Association, Y. P. S. C. E., F. E. Davis, J. H. Bullard, Miss J. Etta

Bullard, Rev. A. H. Plumb, Mrs. Oscar Loring, Horace M. Green, Lynus Bacon, G. M. Dean, John Moore, An unknown friend, E. L. Parker, C. H. Parker, Hon. C. D. Paige, State Library Commission.

Thanks are extended to all contributors.

JESSE ALLEN,
SARA E. BUTLER,
MINNIE L. WOODIS,
Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

During the year the library has been open	102 days
Circulation for home use,	2423
Largest number charged in one day, March 28,	42
Smallest number charged in one day,	10
Loaned for use in the public schools,	54

These periodicals are found on the reading room table: Technical World, McClure's, Harper's Weekly, New England, Youth's Companion, Christian Herald, Christian Endeavor World, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Farm Journal, Temperance Cause, Appeal to Reason, Woman's National Weekly, Sea Breezes, Our Dumb Animals, Everybody's and Worcester Telegram.

These are loaned for home use after removal from the table. The library has catalogued 2375 volumes.

ADDITIONS DURING THE YEAR.

TITLE.	AUTHOR.
The Rise of Roscoe Paine,	Lincoln
Lords of High Decision,	Nicholson
Wee Macgregor,	Bell

The Gadfly,	Voynich
The Prodigal Son,	Caine
Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall,	Major
Indiana,	Sand
The Continental Dragon,	Stephens
The Recording Angel,	Harris
The Under Dog,	Smith
Looking Backward,	Bellamy
The House of Mirth,	Wharton
The Four Feathers	Mason
Checkers,	Blossom
Give Me Thine Heart,	Roe
Castle Craneycrow,	McCutcheon
The Man in Lower Ten,	Rinehart
Captain Macklin,	Davis
Rockhaven,	Munn
Doctor Claudius,	Crawford
Piney Home,	Kimball
Beatrice Sunapter,	Cheatham
The Tobacco Tiller,	Hackley
The Yokefellow,	Davisson
Hot Coals,	Vincent
Uncle Sim,	Lake
Barselma's Kiss,	Lee
Chaney's Stratagem,	Pinnix
Signal Lights,	Hopkins
A Maid of Moods,	Shepherd
The Belle of the Bluegrass Country,	Pittman
Son of the North,	Roberts
Beauacre,	Appleton
Jeremiah's Sammy,	Gabriel
Tompkinsville Folks,	Stevens
The Broken Wheel,	May
The Baronet Rag-picker,	Coom

The Devil Worshipers,	Ray
Old Ninety-nine's Cave,	Gray
Midsummer Madness,	Loring
Priest or Pretender,	Cunningham
A Rocky Mountain Feud,	Loutham
Owl Tower,	Coom
The Vassalage,	Bell
On Satan's Mount,	Tilton
Climbing up to Nature,	Lewis
The Tragedy of the Deserted Isle,	Wood
The Divine Seal,	Orcutt
The Mystery of a Miniature,	Edwards
The Misadventures of Marjorie,	Naylor
An American Sovereign,	Merrill
The Haunted King,	Moore
Real Letters of a Real Girl,	Betty
Yarb and Cretine,	Swayze
Thro' the Buhrs,	Wilson
The Vintage of Spain,	Smart
The Heart of Silence,	Cramp
Under the Flag of the Cross,	Sedberry
Love Stories From Real Life,	Champagne
The Tyranny of Power,	Clark
The Untamed Philosopher,	Hastings
Tract Number 3377,	Higgins
The Royal Life-guards,	Dumas
Guilty or not Guilty,	Douglas
A New Graft on the Family Tree,	Pansy
Bobbie, General Manager,	Prouty
In the Days of Queen Victoria,	Tappan
In the Days of Alfred the Great,	Tappan
In the Days of Wm. the Conqueror,	Tappan
In the Days of Queen Elizabeth,	Tappan
Our Country's Story,	Tappan

Robin Hood, His Book,	Tappan
Knight Errant,	Lyall
The Visits of Elizabeth,	Glyn
Toto,	Richards
Tigers and Traitors,	Verne
Wild Life Near Home,	Sharp
Forest Neighbors,	Hulbert
Five Cousins in California,	Forest
Following the Deer,	Long
The Riddle of the Universe,	Haeckle
Tom Brown's School Days,	Hughes
Old Lamps for New,	Dickens
England's Story,	Tappan
The Christ Story,	Tappan
Story of the Greek People,	Tappan
Letters from Colonial Children,	Tappan
The Coming Race,	Bulwer
Life of Geo. Peabody,	Hanaford
39th Mass. Reg. Vol.,	Roe
Memorial Addresses,	Tirrell
When May Flowers Blossom,	Plumb
Gen. Sherman,	Northrop
Soldiers' Story of Andersonville,	Goss
Andrew Jackson,	Jackson
Adventures in Contentment,	Grayson
Adventures in Friendship,	Grayson
Pollyanna,	Porter
V. V's Eyes,	Harrison
The Following of the Star,	Barclay
Moni the Goat-boy,	Kunz
Ipswich Vital Records.	
Newbury Vital Records.	
Andover Vital Records.	

Haverhill Vital Records.
Tantalus, Kimmell
A Boy's Vacation Abroad, King
New America and the Far East, nine volumes.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. DAVIS.
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE

Cemetery Committee.

RECEIPTS.

From town appropriation,	$100 00
Perpetual care of lots,	38 25
Individual care of lots,	60 50
	$198 75

EXPENSES.

Paid Edwin Green, superintendent, services,	$137 74
M. S. Dean, paint and postage,	6 38
G. S. Butler, lawn grass seed,	3 30
Ira Stone, dirt,	9 40
William Gaffney, fertilizer,	10 00
William H. Parkman, fertilizer,	10 75
W. A. Woodis, fertilizer,	1 20
W. S. Crawford, wheelbarrow,	3 75
John Dwelley, labor,	8 00
C. H. Parker & Son, cement,	1 50
	$192 02

LOTS PROVIDED WITH PERPETUAL CARE.

George H. Gould, Stephen Lincoln, Mrs. S. B. Ripley, Weeks & Elliott, Lewis Allen, Ione E. Holden, Daniel H. Dean, Charles H. Fobes, Fannie W. Kimball, Sumner Reed, Jesse Allen, Lyman S. Walker, Caroline M. Maynard, Martha

M. Macullar, Mary E. Brown, Lewis N. Haskell, Ruth H. Robinson.

The number of those providing for the perpetual care of lots is increasing every year. The income of one hundred dollars, given to the town "in trust," amply provides for needful care and improvements.

Oakham is very fortunate in having a superintendent of cemeteries who is a man of excellent judgment in grading and beautifying the grounds, and very reasonable in his charges.

Respectfully submitted,

MASON S. DEAN,
JESSE ALLEN,
J. P. FAIRBANK,
} *Cemetery Committee.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the selectmen, overseers of poor, school committee, road commissioner, cemetery committee, tree and fire wardens, moth exterminator and library trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the treasurer and collector and found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES.

School fund,	$1087 68
Support of schools,	1200 00
School superintendent,	60 00
Medical inspection,	25 00
State return for school superintendent,	187 50
Education of State children,	25 50
Education of Boston children,	91 50
High school tuition refunded,	694 00
Education of Barre children,	57 50
	$3428 68

School Expenses.

SALARIES.

Paid Superintendent C. L. Randall,	$128 75
Superintendent R. I. Bramhall,	112 50
Miss F. E. Bothwell,	363 00
Miss Ethel M. Braman,	352 00
Miss R. E. Butterfield,	121 00
Mrs. Effie T. Swindell,	330 00
Miss C. D. Putnam,	220 00
Miss M. E. O'Donnell,	330 00

Paid Mrs. R. B. Dwelley,	$136 00
Miss Harriot Andrews,	95 00
	$2188 25

SUPPLIES.

Paid for supplies,	$144 75

FUEL.

Paid William Gaffney,	$16 50
S. F. Fairbank,	6 75
J. P. Day,	15 75
H. W. Stone,	22 50
T. Winter,	54 00
Miss Bothwell,	15 00
Mrs. Tottingham,	13 50
G. T. Butterfield,	13 00
M. S. Dean,	22 50
J. N. Ball,	2 25
	$181 75

TUITION.

Paid town of North Brookfield,	$194 00
Town of Barre,	450 00
Town of Hardwick,	50 00
	$694 00

REPAIRS.

Paid for repairs,	$297 47

CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid W. W. Russell,	$53 90
Willie Gaffney,	18 35
Walter Tucker,	4 00

Paid Miss Putnam,	$7 00
Mr. Foster,	5 00
Mrs. Carpenter,	6 00
	$94 25

TRANSPORTATION.

Transportation,	$60 90
High school transportation,	$395 70

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid J. N. Ball,	$4 00
Jesse Allen,	65 00
Mrs. M. L. Woodis,	10 90
	$79 90
Total,	$4136 97

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
J. NELSON BALL,
MINNIE L. WOODIS,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE

Superintendent of Schools.

HOLDEN, MASS., MARCH 7, 1914.

To the School Committee of the Town of Oakham:

I TAKE pleasure in submitting to you my first annual report as superintendent of your schools. With so brief an acquaintance with your schools my report will necessarily be partial. I cannot attempt to treat matters that came up before I took up the work.

TEACHERS.

Oakham has been fortunate to retain the services of its teachers from year to year. In this way one of the great wastes of rural schools is avoided. There has been but one change in the force this year. Miss Butterfield resigned in June to accept a position in Holden. Her place has been taken by Miss Putnam, a graduate of the Rutland High School and Fitchburg Normal School. The discipline of the schools has been good. Only two cases have been called to my attention this year. I believe Oakham should seriously consider whether it can afford to reward its faithful teachers either by lengthening the school year or by increasing the salary per week.

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Under an act of 1913 there will be started on July 1, 1914, a Teachers' Retirement Association. All teachers in service in the state on that date may elect to join or not, but all entering service after that date must become members. The annual dues will be five per cent of the yearly salary, with a minimum assessment of $35, and a maximum of $100. Teachers will continue to pay until they have made thirty payments, or reach the age of sixty. Any teacher who is a member may retire at the age of sixty and must retire at the age of seventy. The retirement allowance will be made up of two parts. The first will be an annuity, the amount of which will depend on the amount paid in. An annual payment of $35 will produce an annuity of about $150. This has accordingly been set as a minimum payment by law. The rest of the retirement allowance will be a pension, paid by the Commonwealth, and equal in amount to the annuity. In this way, the minimum retirement allowance has been fixed at $300 a year. Arrangement has been made for refunding all money paid in, with three per cent compound interest, to all teachers leaving the service of the state before they become eligible to a pension. As many of our teachers teach only five to seven years, this will enable them to withdraw the money with a reasonable allowance for interest.

It will be the duty of the school committee to notify all new teachers of their duties and privileges under this act, to send to the retirement board on October 1 a list of the teachers and their salaries, to notify the board on the first of each month of any changes in the teaching force or their salaries, to deduct each month from the teachers' salaries the amounts due the retirement board. This sum will be forwarded each month by the town treasurer to the secretary of the retirement board.

It seems probable that the salaries of teachers in the small towns all over the state will have to be readjusted to meet this new expense.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

Another law passed last year which will seriously affect Oakham provides that a town of less than 500 families in which a public high school is not maintained shall provide for the transportation of any child who resides in the town and attends high school in another town, and shall pay for such transportation a sum not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents per week of actual attendance. A town which has expended for the support of its schools during the preceding year from the proceeds of local taxation an amount not less than four dollars per thousand of valuation shall be reimbursed for one-half the amount actually expended; and a town which has expended at least five dollars per thousand shall be reimbursed in full by the state.

During the year ending June 30, 1913, Oakham expended $3.11 per thousand of valuation. This means that Oakham will probably have to bear the entire expense of this transportation, although this cannot be finally determined until certain phrases in the law have been interpreted. With a valuation of about $381,000 Oakham will have to expend for the support of its schools from the proceeds of local taxation about $1525 in order to receive one-half of this expense from the state.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE.

Another law passed last year relates to the employment of minors. All minors under 21 are now required to have employment certificates to work in mercantile and mechanical establishments. All minors under 16 must regularly attend day school all the time it is in session unless they have the

written permission of the superintendent of schools to engage in profitable employment at home or to work in some mill or store. Children under 16 are no longer allowed by law to waste their time on the streets. They must be either at work regularly or at school. Failure to comply with this law is punishable by a fine of twenty dollars.

DRAWING AND SEWING.

Your attention is called to the report of the supervisor of drawing and sewing. I believe that all who have seen the children engaged in this work will agree that the introduction of this work has been a step in the right direction. It will probably be possible to arrange for an exhibition some time during the year in order that more may see what is being done.

HOME GARDENING AND HANDWORK.

A very successful exhibition was held last fall under the auspices of the Grange. The exhibits were a credit to the young people who took part. With the continued interest and cooperation of the Grange we can make this a greater success each year. This year I am planning to secure the cooperation of Professor O. A. Morton, of Massachusetts Agricultural College, who has charge of this work all over the state. Under his supervision there are going to be state contests in raising potatoes, tomatoes, corn, and vegetables. There will also be contests in cooking, sewing, mending, and general housework. These contests are open to all children between the ages of 10 and 18. The prizes include a trip to Washington, a trip to places of interest in New England, and a week at the Agricultural College. A number of the young people in Oakham ought to enter some of these state contests. Those who have attended the Farmers' Club this winter have heard how general is the interest

in this work all over the state. The federal government is working with the state officials to make it a success. We ought to do our part to help in the work. It would be a proud moment in the life of any young person to win a trip to Washington as a result of a summer of hard earnest work.

In connection with this work I hope to be able to arrange for a Farmers Week somewhere in this district the coming year. I believe all interested in farming will find it helpful.

REPAIRS.

There is urgent need of immediate attention to the toilet arrangements at the Center school and South school. The out-building for the boys at the center is in very bad condition. If the state inspector should visit it he would doubtless condemn it at once. The vaults should be made fly-tight, and arrangements should be made for locking it up at night. Recent investigations of typhoid in the north and hookworm in the south have proved the danger to any community of open vaults. There is no better breeding place for the common housefly, better called the typhoid fly. At the South school there is but one out-building, whereas the law requires a separate one for each sex. I would suggest an arrangement similar to that at the West school, where provision is made for a shelter for a horse in connection with the out-buildings.

I think it would be a good policy to replace some of the wooden blackboards each year with slate boards. The slate board requires no attention after it is installed, whereas the wooden boards ought to be planed and refinished frequently.

The experience this winter in heating the schools during the extreme cold weather has again demonstrated the efficiency of the jacketed stove. I believe it would be an economy of time and fuel to put them in our three district schools. The rooms would not only be better heated, but

also better ventilated. About one-third of the rural schools in America are now provided with jacketed stoves.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE NINTH GRADES, FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1913.

March,	Schools
Invocation,	Rev. A. H. Plumb
Song, "Let the Waking World Adore Him,"	Schools
Welcome,	Earle Clarence Parker
Essay, "Our Bird Neighbors,"	Marion Corbin Rutherford
Music, "Song of Spring,"	Schools
Essay, "Some Ways of Travel,"	Ralph Monroe Cody
Recitation, "A Lost Chord,"	Grace Eleanor Scott
Essay, "My Life on a Ranch,"	Henry Wilber Blake
Music, "Questions,"	Schools
Essay, "A Visit to the Putnam Home,"	Susie Webber Winslow
Essay, "Our Future,"	Agnes Helena Woodis
Music, "Santa Lucia,"	Schools
Address,	Supt. Charles L. Randall
Farewell,	Hazel Elizabeth Grimes
Presentation of certificates,	Deacon Jesse Allen Chairman of School Committee
Class Song.	
Benediction,	Rev. C. H. Smith

ATTENDANCE.

I want to call the attention of all to the data relative to school attendance. Oakham should take pride in this feature. The average attendance for last year was 95 per cent in Oak-

ham, while it was only 93 in the whole state, and 92 in the towns of a population of less than 5000. I wish to especially commend to the attention of all the young people the remarkable record of George Dean, who is now completing his ninth year in school without a single absent or tardy mark. He is to be congratulated on his splendid success. I am sorry not to be able to compile an honor roll for last year, but the registers for last year have been mislaid and so the statistics are not available at the present time.

COURSE OF STUDY.

I wish all parents would consider the advisability of continuing Latin and Algebra in the grammar school. Would it not be better to give more time to English and Arithmetic and leave the other two studies for the high school? Would it not be well to give more time to such a study as civics or physiology which would benefit all, rather than to a study of advantage to a very small minority?

In connection with the physiology work in the grades I hope we shall be able to give more attention to such practical features, of the course as care of the teeth, first aid, the selection of proper foods, the dangers of cheap candy, the dangers in the use of tobacco and alcohol.

LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

I wish to call your attention to the length of the school year in Oakham. There are but nine other towns in the state with so short a school year. Would it not be well to consider the advisability of lengthening our year to thirty-six weeks? It would enable our teachers to do better and more thorough work than they can under the present arrangement. The added expense might prove to be an economy by bringing our appropriation up to a point where we would be reimbursed

for at least half of the expenses of transporting high school scholars.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

I believe it would be a good plan to buy a few carefully selected books each year as a part of a shelf of books for reading. Pupils, especially in the district schools, have much time that might be spent in silent reading. There are now many excellent books of biography history, and travel, as well as story books that might be read with profit in this way. A small outlay each year would in a few years provide a valuable shelf of books for each room.

In concluding, I wish to thank the teachers for their hearty support and cooperation during this first year, and the school committee for their helpful suggestions and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT I. BRAMHALL,

Report of the School Physician.

Mr. Robert I. Bramhall, Superintendent of Schools, Holden:

Dear Sir: In the performance of my duties as School Physician of Oakham, I visited the schools of that town April 30, and again September 24, 1913. A fairly typical inspection report follows:

Number inspected,	85
Vaccinated,	65
Unvaccinated,	20
Enlarged tonsils,	5
Pediculosis,	2
Ringworm,	1
Nasal obstruction,	1

I would suggest that the town provide a convenient opportunity for vaccination, and thereafter exclude unvaccinated pupils, unless exempt under a physician's certificate, from school.

Toilet conveniences at some of the schoolhouses need attention. In one instance the statute requirement for separate accommodations for boys and girls is neglected. In other cases the vaults need cleaning and the use of deodorizers. In all cases the vaults should be so enclosed as to prevent the entrance of flies.

Two brief practical suggestions: *Individual pencils*, and as far as possible, *books*, for the pupils. Somewhere, during the year, a teacher in my presence distributed to her pupils

pencils which probably had been used before, and within a minute three or four pupils had their pencils in the mouth, one was poking a pencil into his nose, while others were using them for scratching the head or face. Comment is needless. Also *wash basins* with *individual towels and soap.* This is done in some schools—with good results—it can be done, and is not a serious burden, in all. Dirty hands and faces would then be inexcusable.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. STICKNEY,
School Physician.

Holden, Mass., Feb. 9, 1914.

Report of the Supervisor of Music.

OAKHAM, MASS., MARCH 10, 1914.

Mr. R. I. Bramhall, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR: The question is sometimes asked, "Does it pay to spend money for public school music since very few good singers are ever sent forth from the schools?" In reply I would ask, "Does it pay to have pretty homes, gardens, parks, libraries, etc?" The answer is "Yes." How much does it pay? No answer can be made, because the finest things of human life cannot be measured in dollars, pounds, pecks or pints.

It has been my aim to stimulate an appreciation of the best music; to develop tone quality, and to teach the fundamental principles of note reading.

The individual reading of music is doing much for the pupils, and the time spent in this way cannot help but show results.

The special aim, particularly in the lower grades, has been to develop the individual. In all grades the pupils are being taught more of the esthetic. The average child should be able to sing with enough feeling and comprehension to derive enjoyment from this branch.

The pupils need help to realize and really believe that music must be studied, not only as a subject in the school course but for the pleasure to be derived therefrom, now and

in the future. We must strive to arouse enthusiasm and inspire confidence, in order to gain the best effort on the part of the pupil.

I am pleased to be able to state that I continue to enjoy the hearty co-operation of teachers and pupils that has been characteristic of the work from the first. It is a pleasure to work under the conditions I meet here. At this time I want to thank all for the kindly spirit and enthusiasm accorded my subject.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLEY,

Supervisor of Music.

Report of the Supervisor of Drawing.

WORCESTER, MARCH 3, 1914.

Mr. R. I. Bramhall, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR: My time in the Oakham schools has been divided between drawing, supplemented by hand work, and sewing with the girls of the grammar grades.

Lessons in drawing for all the schools are arranged upon the same general plan but graded according to the age of the children, and may be grouped under the following headings.

NATURE drawing includes studies from leaves, twigs, flower sprays, etc., in pencil, colored crayon and water color; also simple landscapes in colored crayon or water color.

OBJECT drawings from common things, like snow shovel, skates, apple, pail, etc., and from groups of two objects, as bushel basket and pumpkin. Pupils are taught to represent the appearance of foreshortened circular faces of such objects as a pail, basin, tumbler of water, etc.

The ninth grade has made a beginning in the application of the principles of perspective.

CONSTRUCTION, making simple objects from paper or cardboard, as a drinking cup, boxes of different shapes, toy furniture, portfolio, etc., napkin ring, small basket of reed, mat of sewed raffia, door mat of braided corn husks, kite of sticks, paper and string.

The younger children have many exercises in paper fold-

ing and cutting which can be varied and adapted for use as "busy work."

Design. The appropriate decoration of articles made, such as boxes, booklet covers, portfolio, calendars, etc. Practice in lettering is given on booklet covers, portfolios, Christmas cards, etc.

In sewing, special attention is given to sewing on real articles and the making of garments rather than much simpler practice.

The girls began by making little sewing bags, then holders, and long gingham aprons.

Other examples of their work are small muslin aprons, handkerchief bags, hemmed dust cloths for the schoolroom, making a patch, etc.

Great interest is shown in this work and it is hoped that much more will be accomplished before the end of the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIOT B. ANDREWS.

Roll of Honor, Fall Term, 1913.

Beatrice Howe, Herbert Howe, Roy Howe, Arlinie Prevost, Albert Briggs.

Dorothy Newton, Frank Parkman, Laura Sney, Florence Tucker, Thomas Moran, Helen Gaffney, William Gaffney, Grace O'Donnell.

Doris Bruce, Joseph Bruce, Bernard Carpenter, Elmer Columb, Albert Eggleston, Lena Knight, Holbrook Prescott.

Lavander Clifford, George Dean, Leslie Ensor, Corinne Fairbank, Alexina Labonte, Henry Newton, Gladys Stone.

Roll of Honor, Winter Term, 1913–1914.

Orton Butler, George Dean, Leslie Ensor, Corinne Fairbank, Alexina Labonte, William Morse, Alfred Morse, Ruth Morse, Gladys Stone.

Albert Briggs, Dorothy Day, Beatrice Howe, Herbert Howe, Roy Howe, Kenneth Pierce.

Doris Bruce, Alla Carpenter, Bernice Carpenter, William Gaffney, Grace O'Donnell, John Wilder, Dorothy Newton.

TWENTY-SIX TERMS.

George Dean.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1913-1914.

SCHOOL	TEACHER	EDUCATED AT	Salary	Total Enrolment	Present Enrolment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percentage of Attendance	Days of Absence	Case of Tardiness	No. of Visitors	No. in Grade IX.	No. in Grade VIII.
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	No. Brookfield High	$11	25	22	22.88	21.05	92.83	105	23	76	6	9
Primary	Ethel Braman	Northfield Seminary	$11	22	19	18.32	17.65	95.2	77	43	69	0	0
Coldbrook	Catherine Putnam	Fitchburg Normal	$10	29	26	25.61	24.68	96.43	185	52	66	0	0
South	Effie T. Schofield	Barre High	$10	13	12	13.	12.25	95.17	60	8	64	0	0
West	May E. O'Donnell	Barre High	$10	14	14	13.20	12.66	94.62	96	2	52	2	0
Music	Ruth B. Dwelley	Northampton	$4										
Drawing	Harriet B. Andrews	Normal Art	$5										
Totals				103	93	93.01	88.29	94.85	613	128	324	8	9

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
For the Year 1913.

BIRTHS.

March 3, son (George Raymond) to George J. and Maude F. Terrio.

March 28, son (Burton Edward) to Michael E. and Katherine S. Mullen.

June 9, daughter (Helen Alice) to Frank A. and Bernice B. Sullivan.

June 18, daughter (Glena M. Paige) to George E. and Ina G. Paige.

August 27, son (Irving Ralph) to Irving L. and Katheryn O. Gardner.

MARRIAGES.

April 3, Samuel H. Green to Margaret E. Gilboy.

June 22, Mitze George to Edith M. Strong.

DEATHS.

	Y.	M.	D.
February 15, Mrs. Alice F. Bliss,	58	4	8
April 2, Mrs. Roxana Winter,	75	0	27
March 11, Mrs. Fannie L. Bullard,	82	11	16
July 31. Mrs. Sarah D. Vaughn,	68	0	10
August 26, Mrs. Ella S. Bullard,	58	11	1
September 25. Peter James Scott,	21	8	23
December 15, Cushing Messier,	6	9	14

BURIED IN TOWN.

January 14, William W. Lloyd,	26	1	21
February 15, Frank Hubbard,	45		
November 22, Lillian E. Wheeler,	19	6	22
December 22, Rev. William A. Fobes,	86	8	26

Population, 552.
Number of voters, male, 136; female 10.
Number of dogs licensed, 57; male, 49; female. 8.
Number of hunter's licenses issued, 65.

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the thirtieth day of March, current, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator, to preside at all town meetings, except for the election of State officers, during the coming year.

Article 2d. To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

Article 3d. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers and six Constables, for one year. Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license

for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" all on one ballot. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer, Collector and Constables.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their treasurer and collector.

Article 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

Article 9th. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year beginning April 1, 1914, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town thereof, payable within one year from the date thereof, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 10th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 11th. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town for the ensuing year.

Article 12th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Article 13th. To see if the town will vote to leave all matters pertaining to the support of paupers with the overseers of the poor till otherwise voted.

Article 14th. To see what provision the town will make for lighting the streets the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 15th. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 16th. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the suppression of the brown tail moth.

Article 17th. To see if the town will petition the Director of the Bureau of Statistics for an audit of its accounts in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 598, Acts of 1910, and amendments thereof.

Article 18th. To see if the town will vote to change the day of holding their annual town meeting from the last Monday in March to the first Monday, or some other earlier date.

Article 19th. To see if the town will vote to make needed repairs on Memorial Hall, and make appropriation for the same or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 20th. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee to enquire into the feasibility of establishing electric lights in town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices, and one at the Congregational meeting house, in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

GARDNER M. DEAN,
JOHN P. DAY,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD, } *Selectmen of Oakham.*

A true copy. Attest. WILLIAM C. AYRES, *Constable.*

THE

Annual Official Reports

OF THE

TOWN OF OAKHAM, MASS.

1914 1914

FOR

The Financial Year

ENDING

The 31st December, 1914.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town Officials

OF

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending Feb. 1, 1915.

THE BARRE GAZETTE MOTOR PRINT,
BARRE, MASS.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1914.

Town Clerk.

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1915

Selectmen:

GARDNER M. DEAN,	Term expires 1915
JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1916
GILBERT P. BUTTERFIELD,	Term expires 1917

Assessors:

WALTER A. WOODIS,	Term expires 1915
SYLVESTER H. HASKELL,	Term expires 1916
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1917

Overseers of the Poor:

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1915
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,	Term expires 1916
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1917

School Committee:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1915
J. NELSON BALL,	Term expires 1916
MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1917

Measurers of Lumber:
W. R. DEAN, W. A. WOODIS, JAMES LEYDEN.

Sealer of Weights and Measures:
WAYLAND ANGIER.

Field Drivers:
WAYLAND ANGIER, J. W. DWELLY, A. K. REED.

Cattle Inspector:
HENRY W. STONE.

Undertaker:
JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

Town Agent:
FRANK S. CONANT.

School Superintendent:
ROBERT I. BRAMHALL.

Forest Fireward:
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE.

Library Trustees:

MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1915
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1916
SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1917

Cemetery Committee:

MASON S. DEANE,	Term expires 1915
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1916
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1917

Collector:
EDMUND CODY.

Treasurer:
JOHN W. DWELLY.

Auditor:
WALTER M. ROBINSON.

Tree Warden:
HENRY W. GRIMES.

Highway Surveyor:
GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD.

Fence Viewers:

JESSE ALLEN, S. H. HASKELL, C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

Constables:

WILLIAM C. AYERS, WALTER R. DEAN,
FRANK L. CHEEVER, HENRY W. BARTLETT,
FREDERICK EXLEY, FRED H. PARMENTER.

Measurers of Wood and Bark:

A. C. MORSE, FRED PARMENTER, S. R. DEAN.

REPORT OF
THE SELECTMEN.

The selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1914:

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town clerk for services,	$37.30	
Postage and express,	8.99	
		46.29

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,	$35.00	
Postage and express,	7.64	
		42.64

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	75.00	
Postage,	8.25	
Discount on taxes,	231.42	
One collector's book,	1.25	
		315.92

SELECTMEN.

Paid Gardner M. Dean,	25.00	
John P. Day,	25.00	
G. T. Butterfield,	25.00	
Postage and telephoning,	4.54	
		79.54

ASSESSORS.

Paid Sylvester H. Haskell,	38.75	
Walter A. Woodis,	47.50	
William H. Parkman,	41.25	
Abstracts,	4.55	
		132.05

AUDITOR.

Paid Walter M. Robinson,		25.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid Wayland Angier,	$15.00	
One steel die,	.63	
		15.63

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid for support of paupers,	83.05

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid for support of schools,	$4085.80

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid for highways and bridges,	1333.46

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Paid for support of library,	312.25

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid Frank E. Davis,	6.00
Alfred C. Morse,	6.00
Walter Mclenathan	2.00

Sylvester R. Dean	2.00	
John W. Dwelly,	4.00	
Edward J. Crawford,	4.00	
		24.00

UNDERTAKER.

Paid for services and death returns,		21.50

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid Gardner M. Dean,	6.00	
John P. Day,	4.00	
G. T. Butterfield,	6.00	
Jesse Allen,	10.00	
		26.00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Wayland Angier,	72.29	
Earl Lawless,	50.00	
C. H. Parker & Son,	11.26	
		133.55

BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Massachusetts Bonding Co.		24.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge, fire warden,	28.63	
H. K. Barnes Co., supplies,	5.00	
Fighting forest fires,	63.58	
		97.21

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Paid Edwin Green,	146.80	
J. P. Fairbank,	17.25	
S. F. Woodis,	11.00	
William A. Nye,	39.33	
W. H. Parkman,	10.75	
F. E. Loring,	31.38	
G. L. Butler,	3.45	
		259.96

BROWN TAIL MOTH.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	61.12	
H. W. Stone,	7.50	
M. F. Lincoln,	13.50	
Allie Swindell,	5.10	
Herman Dean,	5.54	
Albert Briggs,	21.81	
Geo. A. Briggs,	44.87	
		159.44

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax,	875.00	
County tax,	403.00	
		1278.00

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS.

Paid Henry W. Stone,		8.00

STATE AID.

Paid John E. Stone,	60.00	

Horace M. Green,	30.00	
S. Amanda Reed,	56.00	
		146.00

WORCESTER TRUST CO.

Paid for money borrowed,	3500.00	
Interest,	58.33	
		3558.33

POLICE.

Paid William C. Ayres,	4.00	
Fred H. Parmenter,	12.40	
Fred H. Parmenter, 1913,	4.00	
Chas. S. Clifford, 1913,	2.00	
Frank Cheever, 1913,	4.00	
		26.40

STATE ROAD.

Paid for building state road,		2599.71

OPENING ROADS.

Paid for opening roads,		2.21

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Wm. W. Russell care of hall	$67.89	
G. M. Dean, express,	1.13	
Hobbs & Warren, license blanks,	.95	
Gustavus Rogers, printing,	119.50	
Charles F. Gettemy, certifying notes,	10.00	
McKenney & Waterbury Co., lamps,	50.00	
Jennie C. Spooner, printing 1913,	32.50	
G. M. Dean, flags,	2.10	

G. S. Butler, supplies,	5.77		
C. H. Trowbridge, spraying,	9.75		
C. H. Trowbridge, post notices	2.00		
W. & N. E. Gurley, supplies,	27.94		
State Treasurer, 1-4 liquor license,	250.00		
G. S. Butler, bunting,	7.08		
Denholm & McKay, trimming wagon,	8.10		
W. C. Ayres, printing, paint sign,	4.50		
C. H. Trowbridge, rep. furnace pipe,	1.75		
G. M. Dean, labor,	5.00		
W. C. Ayres, paint, and board of decorator,	27.60		
G. S. Butler, stamps and express,	2.10		
W. W. Russell, wood,	27.00		
Town of Rutland, 1-2 expense, boundary stone,	3.87		
C. H. Trowbridge, tree trimming & ex.	2.13		
C. H. Trowbridge, labor,	2.00		
Geo. A. Briggs, repairing flagpole,	.75		
E. J. Sargeant, painting curtain,	40.00		
Dr. E. Douglass, reporting births,	2.00		
C. A. Risley & Co., lettering stones,			11.89
F. E. Davis, care town clock,	25.00		
H. Splaine, return of deaths,	.50		
John L. Smith, fines,	29.20		
F. S. Conant, caterer,	2.25		
H. W. Johns-Manville Co., curtain,	100.00		
Worcester Trust Co., interest,	25.00		
		$907.25	
		$15,653.19	

Revised List of Jurors.

Frank E. Davis, librarian,
Wayland Angier, farmer,
Sylvester H. Haskell, farmer,
Thomas C. Gaffney, farmer,
Wm. C. Ayres, mechanic,
Fred H. Parmenter, mechanic.
Frederick Exley, farmer.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER M. DEAN,
JOHN P. DAY,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,

Selectmen of Oakham.

Treasurers Report.

Dr.

March 1, to cash on hand,	$169.61
Received of E. Cody, taxes 1913,	771.20
E. Cody, taxes 1914,	4808.57
State of Massachusetts, fire protection,	32.12
State of Massachusetts, temporary aid,	6.00
State of Massachusetts, burial of pauper,	10.00
State of Massachusetts, compensated inspection of animals,	18.00
State of Massachusetts, Highway Commission,	1500.00
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax,	1.27
State of Massachusetts, National Bank tax,	45.03
State of Massachusetts, state aid	168.00
State of Massachusetts, tuition special cases,	882.00
State of Massachusetts, support of sick pauper,	16.50
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,	16.00
Borrowed of Worcester Trust Co.,	5500.00
Worcester County Highway Commission,	500.00
Guy C. Allen, Jr. & Co., liquor license,	1000.00
One innholder certificate,	1.00
One victualler's license,	1.00
Rent of Memorial Hall,	22.50
Overseers of Poor	4.00
Two butchers' licenses,	2.00
One fruit vender's license,	3.00
Boston appropriation for school committee,	117.50
Geo. Parkman, tuition,	7.75
Town of Barre, tuition,	64.50
Cement,	6.00
B. & M. R. R. chemicals	1.08

W. C. Temple, account school superintendent,	187.50
Dog fund returned, (88.2088 per cent.)	136.55
F. E. Davis, cards and fines,	7.01
Cemetery committee,	121.30
Auctioneer's license	2.00
E. Cody, discount of taxes, 1914,	231.42
Int. on National Bank deposits,	11.52
Int. on cemetery trust funds,	38.75
American Seating Co.,	29.10
	$16,439.78

Cr.

By paying selectmen's orders,	$15,653.19
Balance in treasury,	786.59
Due Worcester Trust Co.,	5500.00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

Geo. H. Gould,	$100.00
Daniel H. Dean,	100.00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150.00
Stephen Lincoln,	50.00
Chas. H. Fobes,	100.00
Martha M. Macullar,	100.00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25.00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50.00
Mary E. Brown,	50.00
Weeks & Elliot,	100.00
Sumner Reed,	100.00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100.00
Lewis Allen,	100.00
Jesse Allen,	100.00
Ruth H. Robinson,	50.00
A. J. Holden,	50.00
Lyman S. Walker,	100.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY.
Treasurer.

Collector's Report.

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1913	$773.15	
Interest	36.02	
		$809.17

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts,	771.20	
Abatement	4.00	
		775.20
		33.97

Dr.

Taxes committed to me for collection, 1914

State tax	875.00	
County tax	403.00	
Town tax	4630.00	
Over-layings	147.27	
Omitted taxes	27.84	
Interest	1.74	
		$6,084.85

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	5039.99	
Abatement	7.80	
		5047.79
		$1,037.06

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,

Collector.

REPORT OF
Superintendent of Streets.

Paid G. T. Butterfield	$357.96
A. L. Newton,	190.50
Evander Green,	118.23
James Woodis,	108.56
N. Fiske,	83.34
Porter Woodis,	78.00
R. F. Parker,	65.01
George Morse,	63.78
Paul Needham	29.00
James Kennedy,	28.67
Walter R. Dean,	25.90
D. Hallowell,	15.33
John Robinson,	16.01
Winthrop Boyd,	14.00
Justin Rawson,	12.00
H. Green,	13.00
C. H. Trowbridge,	11.01
Ed. Bullard,	12.00
Thomas Gaffney,	10.50
Will Gaffney,	9.00
Fred Parkman,	9.00
N. E. Metal Co.	11.40
H. W. Stone,	6.00
Grace Keep,	5.00
O. D. Webber,	4.00
F. Loring,	5.00
C. H. Parker,	4.59
P. Moran,	4.00
A. Spooner,	1.50

D. La Bonte,	7.80
G. W. Cook,	2.40
Ed. Smitchell,	6.44
J. P. Fairbank,	4.50
	$1333.46

REPORT ON GRAVEL ROAD.

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	$495.18
A. Newton	269.00
F. Parkman,	212.75
F. Winslow,	164.50
James Woodis,	124.44
C. George,	120.75
P. Woodis,	116.12
Evander Green	112.00
Paul Needham,	112.00
E. J. Crawford,	106.78
H. D. Bullard,	104.25
W. Boyd,	101.00
H. Green,	74.78
Ed. Green,	65.00
Ed. Bullard,	56.00
D. Hallowell,	53.56
S. A. Dean,	45.00
N. Fisk,	40.00
John Robinson,	28.00
James Leyden,	27.50
A. Spooner,	16.00
W. Snay,	12.00
O. D. Webber,	10.00
White Bros.,	10.00

Mrs. Ripley,	10.00	
F. Boyd,	8.00	
H. Godbeer,	7.10	
N. Green,	6.00	
W. Ayres,	2.00	
		$2509.71
		1333.46
Total,		$3843.17

Cr.

Received from State,	$1500.00	
Received from County,	500.00	
		$2000.00
Total cost to town,		$1843.17

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. BUTTERFIELD,

Superintendent of Streets.

Paid 1913-1914. OPENING HIGHWAY.

Dennis Leyden,	$1.32	
Francis Gaffney,	.89	
		$2.21

REPORT OF THE
OVERSEERS of the POOR.

Paid Dr. E. S. Douglass	$4.00
Dr. W. S. Bates	25.50
Geo. S. Butler	6.05
Jesse Allen, Overseer	**24.50**
Wm. H. Parkman, Overseer	16.00
C. H. Trowbridge, Overseer	7.00
	$83.05

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
W. H. PARKMAN,
C. H. TROWBRIDGE,
Overseers of the Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
CHARLTON POOR FARM ASSOCIATION.

Expenditures.

From Feb. 1, 1914 to Jan. 1, 1915.

Orrin L. Potter and wife, (11 months)	$595.87
Outside Labor,	353.95
Miscellaneous,	441.56
Rent and interest, (11 months),	537.13
Clothes reel,	5.50
Fish and oysters,	66.18
Inside labor,	381.64
Grain,	1483.01
Stock,	148.50
Fertilizer,	97.85
Tools and seeds,	152.59
Potatoes,	25.72
Tobacco,	45.56
Boots and shoes,	39.80
Painting wagons,	20.00
Hardware,	81.38
Dry goods and clothing,	338.30
Groceries,	1426.76
Meat,	405.41
Oil	33.55
Drugs and medical attendance,	19.94
Cutting ice	60.00
Veterinary,	1.50
Insurance,	103.26
Coal,	202.23
Filling Silo	54.85

Blacksmithing,	100.42	
		$7222.46

RECEIPTS.

Milk,	$2183.77	
Eggs and poultry	91.97	
Outside labor,	294.56	
Board received from sundry persons,	195.96	
Stock,	458.72	
Vegetables,	49.95	
Hay,	40.10	
Miscellaneous.	16.45	
Cash received.		
Millbury,	$1204.80	
Hubbardston,	69.32	
Holland,	226.95	
Westminster	226.95	
Holden,	298.33	
Princeton,	250.75	
Rutland,	226.95	
Sterling,	226.95	
Hardwick,	116.20	
Auburn,	41.46	
Charlton,	497.40	
Leicester,	277.97	
Paxton,	226.95	
		$7222.46

The number of inmates who have been supported by the Charlton Poor Farm Association from Feb. 1. 1914. to January 1, 1915, constitutes the following apportionment:—

Town	No. of Inmates	Weeks	Price	Amt.
Millbury	9	253-2-7	$4.756	$1204.80
Hubbardston	1	14-4-7	4.756	69.32
Holland	1	47-5-7	4.756	226.95
Westminster	1	47-5-7	4.756	226.95
Holden	3	62-5-7	4.76	2958.33
Princeton	2	52-5-7	4.756	250.75
Rutland	1	47-5-7	4.756	226.95
Sterling	1	47-5-7	4.756	226.95
Hardwick	1	24-3-7	4.756	116.20
Auburn	1	8-5-7	4.756	41.46
Charlton	3	104-4-7	4.756	497.40
Leicester	4	58-3-7	4.756	277.97
Paxton	1	47-5-7	4.756	226.95

Following is a list of Towns comprising the Charlton Poor Farm Association: Hubbardston, Paxton, Auburn, Westminster, Oakham, Princeton, Phillipston, Sterling, Hardwick, Charlton, Millbury, Holden, Holland, Rutland, Leicester.

HOBART RAYMOND, President,
Westminster.

L. M. HANFF, Secretary Pro. Tem.,
Rutland.

A. FREDERICK PUTNAM, Treasurer.
Charlton.

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Dr.

Balance on hand	$4.62
Fines and cards	7.01
Dog fund	136.55
	$148.18

Cr.

Paid F. E. Davis, librarian	$75.00
G. N. Briggs, exchange of books	25.00
For magazines	12.55
For express, postage, supplies	3.80
To the town	7.01
Revert to the town from Dog fund	24.00
	$147.36
Balance on hand	.82
Amount of Library Fund	$730.00

Contributors to the Library during the year: Miss Blanche Yeo, John Stone, Mrs. Walter Woodis, Eleanor Hubbell, Mrs. Henry Green, State Library Commission, Prof. H. P. Wright, J. Etta Bullard, J. H. O. Lovell, Minnie Rutherford, Emily Mellen, Rev. William A. Fobes, Woman's Education Association, Van Malcolm, Henry C. Fobes, Lynus Bacon, Miss Eunice Ayres, G. M. Dean, F. E. Davis, Y. P. S. C. E.,

Mrs. David Hallowell, Mrs. John P. Day.

Thanks are extended to all contributors.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
SARA E. BUTLER,
MINNIE L. WOODIS,
Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

During the year the Library has been open	86 days
Circulation for home use	2015
Largest number charged in one day	43
Smallest number charged in one day	8
Loaned for use in the public schools	100

These publications are found on the reading room table:—Technical World, McClure's, Harper's Weekly, Everybody's, Youth's Companion, Christian Herald, Good Housekeeping, Christian Endeavor World, Ladies' Home Journal, Farm Journal, Successful Farming, Temperance Cause, Appeal to Reason, Woman's National Weekly, Our Dumb Animals and Worcester Telegram.

The library has catalogued 2429 volumes.

Additions during the year:—

Title	Author.
Dave Porter and His Rivals	Stratemeyer
Panama and the Canal	Abbott
The Angels of Savonarola	Baird

Laddie	Porter
The Birds' Christmas Carol	Wiggin
Black Beauty	Sewell
Kilmeny of the Orchard	Montgomery
Johnny Blossom	Poulsson
Stories of Wm. Tell	Marshall
Fifty Famous Stories Retold	Baldwin
Thirty Famous Stories Retold	Baldwin
Old Mother West Wind	Burgess
Just so Stories	Kipling
The Young Farmer	Hill
Adventures of a Brownie	Mulock
A Little Girl of Long Ago	White
Hiawatha Primmer	Holbrook
The Pig Brother	Richards
Pinocchio	Cramp
The Story Hour	Wiggin
Children's Book of Christmas Stories	Dickinson
Thanksgiving	Schauffler
Captains Courageous	Kipling
Mother Carey's Chickens	Wiggin
The Boy Captive of Old Deerfield	Smith
Manuel in Mexico	McDonald
Through the Farmyard Gate	Poulsson
The Prodigal Judge	Kester
Soldiers of Oakham	Wright
When Mother Lets us Give a Party	Yale
Wild Flowers Every Child Should Know	Stack
Poems Every Child Should Know	Burt
The Training of Wild Animals	Bostock
Wigwag Stories	Judd

Trees That Every Child Should Know	Rogers
When Mother Lets Us Sew	Ralston
When Mother Lets Us Cook	Johnson
Little Folks of Many Lands	Chance
Gerda In Sweden	McDonald
T. Tembarom	Burnett
Woodcraft and Indian Lore	Seton
Book of Fairy Tales	Belasco
Boys' Book of New Inventions	Maule
Days and Deeds: Prose	Stevenson
Days and Deeds: Poetry	Stevenson
Class of 1868, Yale College	Wright
The African Abroad	Ferris
Voice Culture and Elocution	Ross
The Evolution of a Missionary	De Forest
St. Nicholas, 1904	
The Secret Garden	Burnett

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. DAVIS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE

Cemetery Committee.

Receipts.

From Town Appropriation	$100.00
Perpetual care of lots	38.75
Individual care of lots	79.75
Individual contributions	41.55
	$260.05

Expenses.

Paid Edwin Green, Supt.	$146.80
F. E. Loring	31.38
W. H. Parkman	10.75
W. A. Nye	39.33
S, F, Woodis	11.00
J. P. Fairbank	17.25
G. S. Butler	3.45
	$259.96

Last year extensive improvements were made in the general appearance of our South Cemetery, by our efficient superintendent.

This year similar improvements have been made on the West cemetery.

Our cemeteries compare well in general appearance with those of adjoining towns.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,
MASON S. DEAN,
Cemetery Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of selectmen, overseers of poor, school committee, road commissioner, cemetery committee, tree and fire wardens, moth exterminator and library trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the collector and treasurer and found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON,

Oakham, Jan. 11th, 1915 Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
School Committee

APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES

School fund, by estimate	$105000
Support of schools	1600.00
School Superintendent	60.00
Medical inspection	25.00
State return for school superintendent	187.50
Education of State children	16.00
Education of Boston children	117.50
High School tuition refunded	882.00
Education of Barre children	64.50
Education of North Brookfield children	7.50
	$4010.00

SCHOOL EXPENSES

SALARIES

Paid Superintendent R. I. Bramhall	$193.75
Miss F. E. Bothwell	289.00
Miss E. M. Braman	297.00
Mrs. Effie T. Swindell	270.00
Miss Madeline Earle	162.00
Miss Katherine Butler	140.00
Mrs. R. B. Dwelley	96.00
Miss M. E. O'Donnell	110.00
Miss C. D. Putnam	110.00
Miss Harriet Andrews	50.00
	$1717.75

SUPPLIES

Paid for supplies	$151.43

FUEL

Paid Wm. Gaffney	$16.50
Henry Stone	24.75
B. Butterfield	18.00
Edward Gaffney	.50
Miss F. E. Bothwell	11.25
J. N. Ball	4.00
	$75.00

TUITION

Paid Town of Barre	$500.00
Town of Hardwick	100.00
Town of Holden	180.00
Town of N. Brookfield	102.00
	$882.00

REPAIRS

Paid for repairs	$50.70

CARE OF HOUSES

Paid W. W. Russell	$45.37
Walter Tucker	12.00
Edward Gaffney	14.50
Mrs. Carpenter	10.00
	$81.87

CENSUS, SEPT. 1, 1914.

Boys between 5 and 7 years of age	11
Girls between 5 and 7 years of age	6
Boys between 7 and 14 years of age	37
Girls between 7 and 14 years of age	35

Boys between 14 and 16 years of age	5
Girls between 14 and 16 years of age	10
Illiterate males between 16 and 21	0
Illiterate females between 16 and 21	0
Total	104

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan. 4, 1915—Feb. 12, 1915	6 weeks
March 29, 1915—June 18, 1915	12 weeks
Sept. 6, 1915—Dec. 17, 1915	15 weeks
Jan. 3, 1916—Feb. 11, 1916	6 weeks
March 27, 1916—June 16, 1916	12 weeks

TRANSPORTATION

High school transportation	$868.05
East Hill transportation	126.00
Drawing teacher transportation	15.00
	$1009.05

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Paid Dr. Stickney, 1913-1914	$40.00
Dr. W. S. Bates, vaccination	2.50
	$42.50

SCHOOL CENSUS

Paid Jesse Allen for taking school census	$10.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paid J. N. Ball	$ 4.00
Jesse Allen	49.50

Mrs. M. L. Woodis	12.00
	$65.50
Total	$4085.80

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
J. NELSON BALL,
MINNIE L. WOODIS,
School Committee.

REPORT OF THE
Superintendent of Schools.

Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1915.

To the School Committee of the Town of Oakham:—

I take pleasure in submitting my second annual report as superintendent of your schools.

TEACHERS

During the year there have been two changes in the teaching force. Miss Putnam resigned to accept a position at home, and Miss O'Donnell resigned to attend the Fitchburg Normal School. I am glad that it has been possible to increase the salaries of two of the teachers during the year. With the present high cost of everything it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure teachers at a salary of $10., especially for only 33 weeks in the year. Several candidates refused to consider such offers this year. One principal of a Normal school wrote last July, "Two-thirds of the young ladies of the graduating class of 1914 have positions paying salaries of $11 or $12 a week; a $10 rate is the exception. Several receive $500 or more."

TEXT-BOOKS

During the year no important changes have been made in the text-books. Several supplementary readers for the primary grades have been introduced. A new series of geographical readers for the upper grades and textbooks on physiology and hygiene for the teachers have been provided. During the next year I recommend the purchase of a new series of arithmetics, sets of Lister's Manual of Penmanship for the primary grades, and Palmer's Manual for the upper grades, and reading books for the middle and upper grades.

Through the courtesy of the Librarian it has been possible

to have a shelf of library books in each room. This is a great help in many ways. A set of excellent pictures was loaned to the Center school last fall by the Library.

INDUSTRIAL CONTESTS

A number of the young people entered the contests in home economics and farming conducted by the Massachusetts Agricultural College in co-operation with the local Grange. It was very gratifying to learn that Edward O'Donnell won third prize in the potato contest. This will entitle him to a week at M. A. C. with all of his expenses paid. A Holden girl, thirteen years old, won third prize in the cooking contests, and at the recent exhibition in Worcester of work from all over the state she won first prize on cake and third prize on bread. I hope this local success will stimulate more to enter the contest this year. The Grange and its special committee are to be congratulated and thanked for the interest they have shown in this work.

REPAIRS

During the year additional blackboards have been provided for the Coldbrook school where the large enrollment made them an immediate necessity. Additional blackboard room should be provided at the South and West schools. The Coldbrook school ought to be painted this spring. If the interior is painted a light and delicate shade of gray the lighting will be greatly improved. The ceiling should be white or slightly tinted. Whenever the town can afford it, new floors ought to be laid at the Center school. The present floors are badly worn and full of cracks to hold the dust. I recommend that jackets be placed around the stoves in the three district schools. Five of the stoves in Holden are now equipped with jacketed stoves and in each case the heat-

ing and ventilating have been greatly improved.

The present conditions in the out-buildings at the Center are intolerable. I recommend that the present buildings be torn down and new ones built. They should be provided with cement vaults above ground.

SCHOOL DECORATION

There is a great opportunity for improvement in the appearance of our school property. All of the schools are in need of good engravings of suitable subjects to improve the appearance of the interior of the schools. The grounds could be much improved by the children themselves at no expense to the town by setting out shrubs and planting perennial vines and flower gardens. The agricultural college and the normal schools are offering to help in this work.

LENGTH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

I want to call your attention once more to the desirability of lengthening the school year to 36 weeks. Oakham can easily afford the additional expense. The experience of our graduates in the high schools of other towns shows the need of a longer school year.

NEW LEGISLATION

By an act of 1914, when a school committee elects a teacher who has served the town for the three previous consecutive years, it elects her to serve at the pleasure of the committee. No such teacher may be dismissed without 30 days' notice of the intention of the committee to vote on the question of her dismissal, nor until the superintendent has made his recommendations with regard to the proposed dismissal. If the teacher requests it, she must be given a statement by the school committee of the reasons why her dismissal is proposed. This tenure of office law is part of an attempt to remove the

teachers from the danger of removal because of petty whims or political pressure.

ATTENDANCE

I wish to call your attention especially to the statistics with regard to attendance. The records have been very high in Oakham this year. There have been some months when the attendance has been almost perfect in some of the schools. The attendance at the West school has been very much better than its average shows. The epidemic of measles there this fall lowered their record for the year.

In conclusion, I want to thank the school committee for their co-operation and support during the year. They have done many things to make the work more pleasant. I wish also to thank the teachers for their loyalty, devotion and interest in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT I. BRAMHALL,

Superintendent.

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF NINTH GRADES,

Friday, June 12, 1914.

Program.

March Schools

Invocation	Rev. Albert H. Plumb
Song, "Peace"	School
Welcome	Warren Newton
Essay, "Peace"	Wm. Michael Gaffney
Song, "Out on the Deep"	Center Grammar School
Essay, "Some Insect Pests and How to Combat Them"	Douglas Sinclair Rutherford
Essay, "Scientific Forestry"	John Anthony Beechan
Song, "Killarney"	Edward Sullivan
Essay, "Economic Value of Birds"	Walter Elliott Howe
Essay, "Sports and their Relation to Health"	Thomas Joseph Moran
Song, "Welcome, Sweet Spring"	Schools
Farewell	George Walter Dean
Song "The King's Champion"	Schools
Presentation of Certificates	Dea. Jesse Allen
Class Song	
Benediction	Rev. Albert H. Plumb

ROLL OF HONOR, 1913-1914.

Nine Years.

George Dean

3 terms

Leslie Ensor, Corinne Fairbanks, Herbert Howe, Roy Howe, Grace O'Donnell.

2 terms

Gladys Stone, Orton Butler, Alexina Labonte, Ruth Morse, Beatrice Howe, Arline Prevost, Albert Briggs, Doris Bruce, Bernard Carpenter, Dorothy Newton, George Stone, Thomas Moran, William Gaffney, John Wilder.

1 term

Lavander Clifford, William Morse, Alfred Morse, Edward O'Donnell, Edith Plumb, Dorothy Day, Kenneth Pierce, Ethel Briggs, Malcolm Crawford, Joseph Bruce, Elmer Columb, Albert Eggleston, Lena Knight, Holbrook Prescott, Alla Carpenter, Bernice Carpenter, Harlen Boyd, Harry Boyd, Russell Chase, Arthur Messier, Frank Parkman, Laura Snay, Helen Gaffney, Myrtle Wilder.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1913—1914

School	Teacher	Preparation	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	No. of Visitors
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	N. Brookfield High	$11	26	23	22	94	133
Primary	Ethel Bramna	Northfield	$11	25	20	19	95	114
Coldbrook	Catherine D. Putnam	Fitchburg Normal	$10	31	27	24	91	81
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	$10	13	12	11	96	90
West	May E. O'Donnell	Barre High	$10	14	13	12	96	76
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton	$4					
Drawing	Harriet B. Andrews	Normal Art	$5					
Totals			$61	109	95	88	94	494

1914—1915

Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell,	N. Brookfield High	$12	26	24	22	94
Primary	Ethel Braman	Northfield	$11	21	20	19	95
Coldbrook	Madeline Earle	Lowell Normal	$11	30	29	28	98
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	$10	12	11	10	95
West	Kathryn Butler	Worcester Normal	$10	17	15	12	82
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton	$4				
Totals			$58	106	99	91	93

Report of the School Physician.

Holden, Mass., Dec. 28, 1914.

Robert I. Bramhall, Supt. of Schools, Holden, Mass.,

My Dear Sir:—I beg to report that in the performance of my duties as School Physician of Oakham I have visited the schools of that town twice during the year closing. Conditions found were not less favorable than those of last year. There are still a few unvaccinated; a few cases of pediculosis; also a few cases of enlarged tonsils, and the usual list of minor ailments common among children of school age.

Yours respectfully,

C. W. STICKNEY, M. D.,

School Physician.

Report of the Supervisor of Music.

Mr. R. I. Bramhall, Superintendent of Schools:—

Dear Sir:—The work in music has been conducted along the same lines as formerly. The time devoted to the work, unchanged.

As in every other study in the school course, individual attention must be given to the preparation of the lesson, and the recitation is made by the individual; so the same should be true in music and the child be encouraged to work individually in this as in every other branch.

In the first three grades note songs are being taught continually and all the individual help possible is given to the monotones. Rote songs are taught which are selected for their musical value as well as for the value of the thought and suggestions. Good rote songs stimulate and develop in the mind of the child a taste and love for good music.

The higher grades are doing creditable work in two and three part songs, we are studying selections from best composers and also study the lives of composers to a small extent.

The best results in school music depend largely upon the co-operation of the parent and grade teacher with the supervisor. Pupils, especially boys, need help to realize and really believe that music must be studied, not only as a subject in the school course but for the pleasure to be derived therefrom, now and in the future.

I take pleasure in acknowledging here the courtesy extended to me by the teachers; also, for the kindly reception and advances made by the children.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLY,

Supervisor of Music.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES and DEATHS. For the Year 1914.

BIRTHS

Jan. 31, daughter (Vivian Emily) to Oscar T. and Ida C. Loring.

Feb. 22, son (Richard Grimshaw) to Wallace H. and Mary E. Riley.

May 3, son (Alvyn Perycle) to Fabius W. and Rhoda L. Beckwith.

May 28, daughter (Katherine Edith) to Mitze and Edith M. George.

May 29, son (George Wilbur) to Wm. Harris and Louise H. Harris.

June 4, daughter (Mary Florence) to Mitchel and Georgianna Messier.

July 3, daughter (Mildred Laura) to Oliver W. and Etta S. Wilkins

Nov. 19, son (Warren Loring) to Elmer F. and Ella H. Willard.

Nov. 26, son (Ralph Cheney) to Clayton C. and Eva S. Adams.

MARRIAGES

April 29, Raymond Cilley to Althea E. Russell.

July 30, Henry W. Grimes to Evelyn M. Clifford.

Aug. 1, Archibald L. Daniels to Martha B. Malcolm.

Sept. 28, George H. Lackey to Marjorie Edson.

Oct. 5, Edwin Bullard to Florence A. Cole.

Oct. 10, Ralph I. Daniels to Leone Boyd.

Nov. 16, George H. Baldwin to Blanche A. Bemis.

Dec. 11, Clarence L. Grimes to Jennie H. Stevens.
Dec. 12, Gardner M. Dean to Susan E. Willis.

DEATHS

	Year	Mo.	Days
January 29, Mrs. Mary White	70		
April 2, Omer D. Tottingham	65	0	8
April 5, Mrs. Lilian C. Rutherford	42	2	4
April 11, Mrs. Alice S. Ferrin	38	4	22
August 11, Miss Laura G. Burt	66	3	12
August 16, Mrs. Ellen Chamberlain	65	1	30
August 20, Mrs. Ann D. Adams	90	1	5
October 16, George W. Stone	74	2	15
December 13, George Desper	72	0	3
Decemebr 22, Ralph C. Adams	0	0	27

BURIED IN TOWN

December 8, Henry M. Rood	61

Population, 552.
Number of voters,-male, 134, female, 10.
Number of dogs licensed, 66, male 54, female, 12.
Number of hunter's licenses issued, 73.

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the first day of February current, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator, to preside at all town meetings, except for the elections of State officers, during the coming year.

Article 2nd. To hear the annual reports of the several town officers and act thereon.

Article 3. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee, Town Clerk for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers and six Constables, for one year. Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5. To see what compensation the Town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 6. To see what compensation the Town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their treasurer and collector.

Article 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 9. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current year, beginning January 1, 1915, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town thereof, payable within one year from date thereof, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18 of the Revised Laws.

Article 11. To see if the town will appoint some person to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To see what provisions the town will make for lighting the streets the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same or pass any vote thereto.

Article 14. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for Town Hall, town clock, and Library building for the ensuing year.

Article 15. To see what sum of money the town will

vote to raise and appropriate for the suppression of the brown tail moth.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to provide for the compensating certain public employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment, in accordance with Chap. 618, Acts of 1914, and make appropriation for the same.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise the salaries of the Selectmen.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00) in conjunction with the state and county, for the purpose of extending the gravel road leading to the Rutland line.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices, and one at the Congregational meeting house, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

GARDNER M. DEAN,
JOHN P. DAY,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,

Selectmen of Oakham.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1915.

Town Clerk:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1918

Selectmen:

JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1916
GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD,	Term expires 1917
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,	Term expires 1918

Assessors:

SYLVESTER H. HASKELL,	Term expires 1916
WALTER A. WOODIS,	Term expires 1918
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1917

Overseers of the Poor:

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,	Term expires 1916
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1917
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1918

School Committee:

J. NELSON BALL,	Term expires 1916
*MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1917
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1918

*Deceased.

Measurers of Lumber:

W. R. DEAN. W. A. WOODIS, O. D. WEBBER

Measurers of Wood:

A. C. MORSE. F. H. PARMENTER. S. R. DEAN

Library Trustees:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1916
SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1917
*MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1918

*Deceased.

Cemetery Committee:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1916
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1917
ALFRED C. MORSE,	Term expires 1918

Collector:
EDMUND CODY.

Treasurer:
JOHN W. DWELLEY.

Auditor:
~~WALTER M. ROBINSON.~~

Tree Warden:
HENRY W. GRIMES.

Highway Surveyor:
GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures:
~~*WAYLAND ANGIER.~~

Fence Viewers:
JESSE ALLEN, C. H. TROWBRIDGE, S. H. HASKELL

Constables:
W. C. AYRES, W. R. DEAN, FRANK L. CHEEVER
FRED H. PARMENTER, FREDERICK EXLEY,
HENRY W. BARTLETT.

Field Drivers:
*WAYLAND ANGIER, JOHN W. DWELLY,
ROGENE F. PARKER.

Town Agent:
FRANK S. CONANT.

Undertaker:
JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

*Deceased.

Cattle Inspector:
HENRY W. STONE.

Forest Fireward:
C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

School Superintendent:
ROBERT I. BRAMHALL.

REPORT OF
THE SELECTMEN.

The selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1915:

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town clerk for services,	$43.05	
Postage and express,	3.93	
		$46.98

TREASURER.

Paid Treasurer for services,	50.00	
Postage and express,	8.76	
		58.76

COLLECTOR.

Paid Collector for services,	85.00	
Postage,	8.75	
		93.75

SELECTMEN.

Paid John P. Day,	50.00	
G. T. Butterfield,	40.00	
Sylvester R. Dean,	40.00	
Postage and telephoning	1 71	
		131.71

ASSESSORS.

Paid S. H. Haskell,	30.50	
W. A. Woodis,	49.25	
W. H. Parkman,	45.00	
Abstracts,	7.94	
		132.69

AUDITOR.

Paid W. M. Robinson,	50.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid Richard Malcolm,	15.00

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Services and support of poor,	110.95

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid for support of schools,	4,850.65

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid for highways and bridges,	1,396.98

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Paid for support of library,	414.00

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Paid F. E. Davis,	6.00	
E. J. Crawford,	2.00	
John Dwelley,	4.00	
W. M. Robinson,	4.00	
A. C. Morse,	4.00	
J. P. Fairbanks,	2.00	
H. W. Stone,	2.00	
		24.00

UNDERTAKER.

Paid for services and death returns,	24.50

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid John P. Day,	6.00	
G. T. Butterfield,	6.00	
Sylvester R. Dean,	4.00	
Jesse Allen,	4.00	
G. M. Dean,	2.00	
		22.00

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Earl Lawless,	45.00	
Wayland Angier,	22.00	
Mrs. Angier,	11.00	
Roy Howe,	32.50	
Ralph Cody,	15.00	
C. H. Parker,	12.95	
Geo. S. Butler,	15.37	
Mrs. Angier,	8.65	
		162.47

BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Mass. Bonding Co.,		
for Treasurer,	12.00	
for Collector,	12.00	
		24.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	14.92	
H. K. Barnes, supplies,	17.46	
Geo. Morse, 1 extinguisher,	8.00	
Commonwealth of Mass., supplies,	7.13	
		47.51

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Paid	Eva Green,	153.60	
	J. P. Fairbanks,	10.60	
	Raymond Thresher,	22.80	
	W. A. Nye,	34.47	
	W. H. Parkman,	6.70	
	Ira W. Stone,	17.75	
	A. C. Morse,	4.00	
	H. A. Crawford,	1.95	
	F. E. Loring,	5.00	
	Geo. S. Butler,	2.40	
	M. S. Dean,	3.00	
			262.27

BROWN-TAIL MOTHS.

Paid	Richard Malcolm,	25.25	
	Albert M. Briggs,	12.56	
	Geo. A. Briggs,	25.00	
	C. H. Trowbridge,	41.50	
			104.31

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid	State tax,	975.00	
	County,	442.00	
			1,417.00

STATE AID.

Paid	John E. Stone,	72.00	
	S. Amanda Reed,	72.00	
	Horace M. Green,	36.00	
	Emma A. Blodgett,	20.00	
			200.00

INSPECTOR OF MEATS.

Paid H. W. Stone,		91.10

WORCESTER TRUST CO.

Paid for money borrowed,	1,975.00	
Interest,	84.63	
		2,059.63

POLICE.

Paid F. L. Cheever,	3.00	
W. R. Dean,	6.00	
		9.00

TREE WARDEN.

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	9.25	
Henry Grimes,	4.78	
		14.03

STATE ROAD.

Paid for building state road,		1,250.00

OPENING ROADS.

Paid for opening roads,		163.19

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid F. E. Davis, care of clock,	25.00	
W. W. Russell, care of hall,	76.45	
G. S. Butler, supplies,	16.79	
C. G. Rogers, printing,	114.40	
G. M. Dean, postage and tel.,	.80	
R. F. Parker, labor, lumber,	132.50	
John P. Day, labor, lumber,	16.25	
Chas. Cleveland, plastering,	6.80	
David Lebonte, bolts and iron,	9.75	

G. T. Butterfield, labor, drawing lumber,	9.90	
Leroy Weaver, labor,	4.00	
George Turner, wood,	11.81	
Dan Rice, Needham case,	6.65	
Wakefield Daily, stationery,	3.40	
W. C. Ayres, painting,	7.98	
Hobbs & Warren, stationery,	1.71	
Fred Parmenter, Maynard-Kenney case,	19.62	
E. Howard Clock Co., cleaning clock,	11.50	
C. F. Gettemy, certifying note,	4.00	
W. & L. E. Gurley Die, paper seals,	2.40	
State Treasurer, ¼ liquor license,	250.00	
Soldiers' Memorial Association,	17.01	
C. H. Trowbridge, spraying, repairs,	25.70	
Sanford, Putnam Co., book,	1.30	
W. W. Russell, repairing fence,	.80	
F. H. Parmenter, dog officer,	10.50	
F. E. Howe, labor,	10.75	
E. W. Coffin, safe for collector,	25.00	
G. T. Butterfield, perambulating,	3.00	
John P. Day, perambulating,	2.00	
E. S. Douglas, reporting births,	1.50	
F. S. Conant, supplies,	1.71	
D. F. Howard & Sons, cement,	3.85	
R. M. Briggs, express,	1.75	
W. C. Ayres,	1.37	
		837.91
Total,		$14,014.39

List of Jurors.

F. E. Davis, Librarian
Thomas Gaffney, Farmer
William C. Ayres, Painter
Fred Parmenter, Officer
Appleton Newton, Farmer
Walter Woodis, Farmer
Roy Weaver, Laborer

Respectfully submitted

JOHN P. DAY
G. T. BUTTERFIELD
SYLVESTER R. DEAN
Selectmen of Oakham.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Jan. 1, to cash on hand.		$786.59
Received of E. Cody, taxes 1913,	$7.65	
E. Cody, taxes 1914,	1,066.13	
E. Cody, taxes 1915,	5,395.95	
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax,	.79	
State of Massachusetts, National bank tax,	47.52	
State of Massachusetts, state aid,	172.00	
State of Massachusetts, support of sick paupers,	6.00	
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,	17.00	
State of Massachusetts, high school tuition,	766.25	
State of Massachusetts, transportation of high school pupils,	912.70	
State of Massachusetts, temporary aid,	3.00	
State of Massachusetts, Highway Commission,	250.00	
State of Massachusetts, state school fund,	1,271.62	
Worcester County Highway Commission,	500.00	

Borrowed of Worcester Trust Company,	2000.00
Guy C. Allen, Jr., & Co., liquor license,	1,000.00
W. C. Temple, account school superintendent,	187.50
Boston appropriation for school committee,	103.00
Dog fund returned, 86.4872%,	122.47
Rent of Memorial hall,	59.50
Town of Barre, tuition,	95.00
Estate of Geo. Parkman, tuition,	15.00
Cemetery Committee,	42.38
Perpetual Care Funds,	38.50
Lot No. — in Pine Grove Cemetery,	20.00
Lot No. 82 in Pine Grove Cemetery,	5.00
One innholder's license,	1.00
One butcher's license,	1.00
O. J. Either, peddler's license,	3.00
Grass on Library lot,	1.00
Matthew Walker, balance of fines,	19.13
F. E. Davis, cards and fines,	8.34
Charlton Poor Farm Association,	14.60
Mrs. Celia Fobes,	1,000.00
William A. Fobes Estate,	100.00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg,	100.00
Henry A. Morse Estate,	100.00
	$16,239.62

Cr.

By paying selectmen's orders,	$14,014.59	
Trust funds deposited,	1,300.00	
Overlaying taxes,	132.84	
		$15,447.43
Balance in treasury,		792.19
Due Worcester Trust Co.,		$2,000.00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

George H. Gould,	$100.00
Daniel H. Dean,	100.00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150.00
Stephen Lincoln,	50.00
Charles H. Fobes,	100.00
Martha M. Macullar,	100.00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25.00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50.00
Mary E. Brown,	50.00
Weeks & Elliott,	100.00
Sumner Reed,	100.00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100.00
Lewis Allen,	100.00
Jesse Allen,	100.00
Ruth H. Robinson,	50.00
A. J. Holden,	50.00
Lyman S. Walker,	100.00
William A. Fobes,	100.00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg,	100.00
Henry A. Morse,	100.00

LIBRARY FUND.

B. P. Clark,	$702.00
Mrs. Celia Fobes,	1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,

Treasurer.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

Uncollected taxes 1913,	$33.97	
Interest,	1.38	
		$35.35

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts,	7.65
	$27.70

Dr.

Uncollected taxes, 1914,	$1,037.06	
Interest,	44.04	
		$1,081.10

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts,	1,066.13
	$14.97

Dr.

Taxes committed to me for collection Aug. 23, 1915.

State tax,	$975.00
County tax,	442.00
Town tax,	5,705.00
Overlayings,	132.84

Dec. 18,	83.06	
Interest,	3.05	
		$7,340.95

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts,	5,395.95
	$1,945.00

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,

Collector.

REPORT OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid G. T. Butterfield,	$383.80
A. L. Newton,	176.00
A. Car Co., oiling road,	175.00
Ev. Green,	144.84
James Woodis,	132.58
C. A. Wheeler,	89.03
Ed. Green,	55.69
F. Howe,	50.00
P. Woodis,	20.00
J. Leyden,	17.76
W. R. Dean,	17.60
D. Hallowell,	16.23
E. Sanders,	15.00
W. Boyd,	18.67
G. Keep,	11.00
W. H. Parkman,	10.50
F. Loring,	9.10
W. A. Woodis,	7.50
J. P. Fairbank,	7.00
J. A. Allen,	6.75
F. H. Boyd,	6.69
E. J. Crawford,	6.00
Geo. Morse,	5.00
Al. Hapgood,	4.69
G. S. Butler,	4.00
Geo. Turner	3.45
M. M. Butterfield,	3.00
	$1,396.98

OPENING HIGHWAYS.

Paid	G. T. Butterfield,	$20.25
	James Scott,	15.28
	H. A. Crawford,	13.28
	Tom Gaffney,	17.11
	Jim Gaffney,	9.50
	Will Gaffney,	8.75
	Ira W. Stone,	7.05
	O. D. Webber,	7.00
	Ev. Green.	7.50
	A. L. Newton,	7.00
	S. R. Dean,	5.78
	J. C. Rawson,	5.50
	H. W. Stone,	4.55
	John Thresher,	4.00
	Fay Russell,	3.55
	D. A. Rutherford,	3.13
	Ed. Bullard,	3.11
	F. Stone.	2.89
	W. E. Swindell,	2.89
	Leroy Weaver,	2.44
	John P. Day.	2.00
	W. A. Woodis,	2.25
	Paul Needham,	1.78
	John Maran,	1.33
	Joe Marshall,	1.33
	Geo. Arnold,	.89
	F. Howe.	1.11
	W. Howe.	1.11
	Richard Malcolm,	.56
	Fred Allen,	.44
		$163.19

REPORT ON GRAVEL ROAD

Paid	G. T. Butterfield,	$156.03
	Ev. Green,	110.06
	A. L. Newton,	117.38
	S. R. Dean,	78.19
	John Robinson,	74.19
	Frank Boyd,	49.89
	C. A. Wheeler,	48.42
	Clifford Knight,	46.64
	Jim Woodis,	45.53
	W. Beacham,	41.89
	Peter Cossick,	41.89
	W. A. Parkman,	40.50
	D. A. Rutherford,	39.89
	Frank Stone,	37.89
	Paul Needham,	37.89
	Joe Beacham,	34.78
	Lewis Green, . .	34.00
	W. A. Boyd,	32.00
	P. B. Woodis,	29.00
	W. E. Buckwith,	24.00
	W. A. Andrews,	24.50
	Ed. Bullard,	28.00
	H. D. Bullard,	22.50
	David Hallowell,	18.00
	John Rautty,	18.00
	Ed. Green,	12.75
	Martin Lincoln,	6.19
		$1,250.00

Cr.

Received from the State Treasurer,		
Weekly payrolls, Sept. 2,	$349.78	
Sept. 9,	250.12	
Sept. 16,	348.00	
Sept. 23,	145.75	
Oct. 7,	114.25	
Paid C. E. Horne, for piping,	42.10	
		$2,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. BUTTERFIELD.

Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF THE
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid	Dr. W. S. Bates,	$9.00
	Dr. E. S. Douglas,	12.00
	G. S. Butler,	15.25
	C. S. Lane,	20.00
	W. H. Parkman, Overseer,	21.00
	Jesse Allen, Overseer,	23.00
	C. H. Trowbridge, Overseer,	8.00
	Postage and blanks,	2.70
		$110.95

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,
W. H. PARKMAN,
Overseers of the Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Charlton Poor Farm Association.

From January 1, 1915 to January 1, 1916.

EXPENDITURES.

Orrin L. Potter and wife,	$650.00
Outside labor,	309.05
Inside labor,	417.06
Groceries,	1,649.79
Meat,	414.70
Hardware,	68.25
Dry goods and clothing,	364.86
Boots and shoes,	86.63
Grain,	1,362.63
Blacksmithing,	46.40
Tobacco,	73.30
Stock,	184.50
Sleigh,	25.00
Selling ice-house,	38.50
Filling silo,	77.60
Phosphate,	128.25
Miscellaneous,	483.89
Furniture,	72.93
Tools and seeds,	118.61
Medicine and medical attendance,	13.43
Fish and oysters,	42.97
Printing,	15.00
Coal,	317.32

Oil,	12.40	
Painting wagons,	9.00	
Rent and interest,	585.96	
		$7,568.03

RECEIPTS.

Milk,	$2,087.75	
Stock,	661.83	
Eggs,	73.18	
Potatoes,	19.58	
Hay,	40.00	
Miscellaneous,	31.50	
Outside labor,	197.86	
		$3,111.70

ASSESSMENTS.

Charlton,	$44.70	
Holden,	57.59	
Princeton,	46.03	
Oakham,	11.40	
Hardwick,	90.09	
Millbury,	99.61	
Sterling,	39.40	
Holland,	3.60	
Paxton,	12.64	
Auburn,	53.63	
Rutland,	28.43	
Hubbardston,	23.47	
Westminster,	30.29	
Leicester,	79.15	
		$620.03

CASH RECEIVED.

Millbury,	$1,141.95	
Charlton,	463.55	
Holden,	463.55	
Princeton,	418.35	
Hardwick,	211.44	
Westminster,	206.34	
Paxton,	206.34	
Sterling,	206.34	
Rutland,	206.34	
Holland,	206.34	
Hubbardston,	63.34	
Auburn,	42.42	
		$3,836.30
		$7,568.03

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, President,
Oakham.

L. M. HANFF, Secretary,
Rutland.

A. FREDERICK PUTNAM, Treasurer,
Charlton.

The number of inmates who have been supported by the Charlton Poor Farm Association from January 1, 1915 to January 1, 1916, constitutes the following apportionment:

Town.	No. Inmates.	Weeks.	Price.	Amount.
Millbury,	8	288 4-7	$3.957	$1,141.95
Charlton,	3	117 1-7	3.957	463.55
Holden,	6	117 1-7	3.957	463.55
Princeton,	3	105 5-7	3.957	418.45
Hardwick,	2	53 3-7	3.957	211.44
Westminster,	1	52 1-7	3.957	206.34
Paxton,	1	52 1-7	3.957	206.34
Sterling,	1	52 1-7	3.957	206.34
Rutland,	1	52 1-7	3.957	206.34
Holland,	1	52 1-7	3.957	206.34
Hubbardston,	1	16	3.957	63.34
Auburn,	1	10 5-7	3.957	42.42

Following is the list of Towns comprising the Charlton Poor Farm Association and the amount of Assessment based upon each Town's valuation:—

Town.	Valuation.	Assessment.
Auburn,	$1,730,000	$53.63
Charlton,	1,442,080	44.70
Hardwick,	2,906,135	90.09
Holden,	1,857,782	57.59
Holland,	116,133	3.60
Hubbardston,	757,225	23.47
Leicester,	2,553,278	79.15
Millbury,	3,213,293	99.61
Oakham,	367,774	11.40
Paxton,	407,948	12.64
Princeton,	1,485,128	46.03
Rutland,	917,325	28.43
Sterling,	1,270,940	39.40
Westminster,	977,225	30.29
	$20,002,246	$620.03

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

We are pleased to record a prosperous year for our Library. Its use, by the schools of the Town and by the general community, is increasing year by year.

Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester, who has done so much in establishing and maintaining the Library, has recently given $1000 towards the Library Fund.

Mrs. M. L. Woodis, who has for more than twenty years so efficiently served the Town, as Library Trustee, has recently been removed by death, mourned by all who knew her.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE PAST YEAR.

State Library Commission, Y. P. S. C. E., Woman's Suffrage Association, J. H. O. Lovell, G. M. Dean, Mrs. Henry Green, Miss Kate Morgan, Mrs. Lizzie Loring, Mrs. Celia E. Fobes, James P. Fairbank, Miss Eunice Ayres, Walter A. Woodis, F. E. Davis, David LaBonte, Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg, Horace M. Green, I. N. Monroe.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
SARA E. BUTLER,
Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

During the year the Library has been open	106 days
Circulation for home use,	2680
Largest number charged in one day,	54
Smallest number,	4
Loaned for use in the public schools,	173

These publications are furnished for the reading room, and are afterward loaned for home use:—Youth's Companion, Illustrated World, Harper's Weekly, Ladies' World, Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, McClure's, Everybody's, Christian Endeavor World, Christian Herald, Today's, Housewife, Saturday Evening Post, New England Homestead, Dumb Animals, Successful Farming, Woman's Journal, Temperance Cause.

The Library has 2573 volumes catalogued.

Additions during the year:—

Title.	Author.
Chicago as It Was and Is	Lucerne
Life and Orations of Daniel Webster	Clark
Henry Ward Beecher	Abbott
Secret Service	Richardson
Uncivilized Races of Men	Wood
Life of Gen. Winfield Scott	Mansfield
Two Years Among the Shakers	Lamson
Life of Grover Cleveland	Goodrich
Life of Frederick Greenhalge	
Wonders of the World	
Scripture Club of Valley Rest	
The Republican Party	Long
Centennial History of U. S.	McCabe
People's Cyclopedia of Universal Knowledge	DePuy
Geological Story	Dana
History of Pedagogy	Hailman

Trees and Shrubs of N. E.	Knoble
School and Field Botany	Gray
Trees of Northeastern America	Newhall
The Woman's Kingdom	Mulock
Cranford	Gaskell
Loveliness	Phelps
People of Popham	Wemyss
The Vicar of Wakefield	Goldsmith
The Heavenly Twins	Grand
The Vision of Dante	Cary
History of English Literature	Taine
Great Events in Modern History	Frost
Cyclopedia of Modern Travel	Taylor
My Story of the War	Livermore
Poems	Dryden
Zell's Encyclopedia	
Our Famous Women	Phelps
With the Allies	Davis
Fighting in Flanders	Powell
Germany and the Next War	Bernhardi
Europe at War	Shaw
Practical Course in Graded Sewing. 7 vols.	Blair
Barrack-Room Ballads	Kipling
Pollyanna Grows Up	Porter
When I was a Little Girl	Gale
The Little Chum Club	Hoyt
Robin Hood's Barn	Brown
Cease Firing	Johnston
The Commodore	Peterson
Pretty Goldilocks	Lang
The Real Fairy Folk	Jamison
Japanese Fairy Tales	Williston
Stories of American Progress	Wright
History of Music	Hullah
Princess Mary's Gift-Book	Barrie
London	Bensusan
A Sailor's Garland	Masefield
In Memoriam	Tennyson
Starting in Life	Fowler

Everyman's Religion	Hodges
The Expert Cleaner	Seaman
Voices of Nature	Baker
Indian Fights and Fighters	Brady
Deafness and Cheerfulness	Jackson
As It Is in England	Osborne
How to Make Home and City Beautiful	Hemenway
Shakespeare and Stratford	Shelley
Benjamin Franklin	Franklin
Introduction to Browning	Hallock
Poems of American Patriotism	
Old Homes of New Americans	Clark
Evolution and Animal Life	Jordan
St. Botolph's Town	Crawford
Cuba	Fairfield
Lowney's Cook Book	Howard
Louise Chandler Moulton	Whiting
A Course in Citizenship	Cabot
Neighborhood	Edwardes
Down Among Men	Comfort
Tales of Romance	Lang
Romance of the Rhine	Marriott
Under the Deodars	Kipling
Mine Own People	Kipling
The Light That Failed	Kipling
New Arabian Nights	Stevenson
Treasure Island	Stevenson
Black Arrow	Stevenson
In the South Seas	Stevenson
Poems, Ballads, Plays	Stevenson
Across the Plains	Stevenson
Familiar Studies	Stevenson
Contrary Mary	Stevenson
K.	Rinehart
The Primrose Ring	Sawyer
Aunt Jane	Lee
The High Priesters	Grant
Delia Blanchflower	Ward
The Coryston Family	Ward

Michael O'Halloran	Porter
Within Prison Walls	Osborne
Mrs. Red Pepper	Richmond
Hepsey Burke	Westcott
Daddy Long-Legs	Webster
The Right Track	Burnham
Felix O'Day	Smith
Anne of the Island	Montgomery
Mr. Pratt's Patients	Lincoln
Thankful's Inheritance	Lincoln
A Far Country	Churchill
Track's End	Carruth
A Lincoln Conscript	Greene
The Turmoil	Tarkington
The Ruin of the Desert	Anderson
A Girl of the Blue Ridge	Erskine
Big Tremaine	Vorst
The Heart of Uncle Terry	Munn
The Man Who Forgot	Hay
Dave Porter on Cave Island	Stratemeyer

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. DAVIS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE
CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Receipts.

From Sale of lots,	$25.00
The Town appropriation,	100.00
Perpetual care of lots,	38.50
Individual care of lots,	42.38
	$205.88

Expenses.

Paid Edwin Green, Supt.,	$153.60
M. S. Dean,	3.00
W. H. Parkman,	6.70
Raymond Thresher,	22.80
Ira W. Stone,	17.75
William A. Nye,	34.47
Alfred Morse,	4.00
H. A. Crawford,	1.95
James P. Fairbank,	10.60
Frank E. Loring,	5.00
George S. Butler,	2.40
	$262.27

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
ALFRED C. MORSE,
J. P. FAIRBANK,
Cemetery Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Cemetery Committee, Tree and Fire Wardens, Moth Exterminator, and Library Trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector and found them to be correct.

W. M. ROBINSON,
Auditor.

REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Town—Support of Schools,	$1,600.00
Town—School Superintendent,	60.00
Town—Medical Inspection,	25.00
State return—School Fund,	1,271.62
State return—High school tuition,	776.25
State return—High school transportation,	912.70
State return—School Superintendent,	187.50
State return—Education State children,	17.00
State return—Education Boston children,	103.00
State return—Education Barre children,	95.00
State return—Education No. Brookfield children,	15.00
	$5,063.07

EXPENSES.

SALARIES.

Paid Superintendent R. I. Bramhall,	$246.25	
Miss F. E. Bothwell,	396.00	
Miss E. M. Braman,	352.00	
Mrs. E. T. Swindell,	320.00	
Miss Madeline Earle,	99.00	
Miss Katherine Butler,	190.00	
Miss May O'Donnell,	22.00	
Miss Godabout,	28.60	
Miss McDermott,	33.00	
Miss R. E. Butterfield,	175.00	
Miss H. Rutherford,	150.00	
Miss E. Shaw,	75.00	
Mrs. R. B. Dwelley,	128.00	
		$2,214.85

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid for supplies,		$226.74

FUEL.

Paid for fuel.		$163.63

TUITION.

Paid Town of Barre,	$446.25	
Town of Hardwick,	150.00	
Town of North Brookfield,	120.00	
Town of Holden,	50.00	
		$766.25

REPAIRS.

Paid for repairs.		$164.28

CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid for care of houses,		$97.00

TRANSPORTATION.

High school transportation,	889.90	
East Hill transportation,	223.00	
		$1,122.90

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Paid Dr. Stickney.		$20.00

SCHOOL CENSUS.

Paid Jesse Allen,		$5.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid J. N. Ball.	$6.00	
Jesse Allen,	54.00	
Estate of M. L. Woodis,	10.00	
		$70.00
Total,		$4,850.65

With feelings of deep sadness we record the death of our associate on the School Board for so many years, Mrs. Minnie L. Woodis.

Our Schools, Library, Church and entire Community will greatly miss her genial presence, excellent judgment, and wise counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
J. NELSON BALL,
School Committee.

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REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Holden, Massachusetts,
January 1, 1916.

To the School Committee of the Town of Oakham:.

I take pleasure in submitting my third annual report as superintendent of your schools.

During the past year the work in the several schools has been carried on with few important changes. Contagious diseases lowered the attendance records in some of the rooms and thus broke up the work somewhat. The several changes in teachers at the Coldbrook School broke up the work there badly during the spring term. But as we were fortunate enough to secure Miss Butterfield to teach there this year we hope to make up much of the work thus lost. At the present time the work in all the schools is going on satisfactorily. The introduction of drawing again this year has met with much favor both among the children and the parents.

Through the courtesy of the Librarian and the cooperation of the State Library Commission books have been placed in the schools for supplementary reading. This is an important phase of the work for it tends to create in the children a taste for better books and to cultivate the habit of using the library.

Quite a number of the children entered the club contests in Home Economics and Agriculture conducted under the auspices of the Massachusetts Agricultural College last summer. In the Home Economics contest, Edith Plumb won a third prize—a week's vacation at the girls' camp at Amherst. Those who went to the camp last summer reported

a most enjoyable week. Next year these contests will be under the immediate charge of the Worcester County Farm Bureau. We hope Oakham will be well represented in this attempt to develop Worcester County and rural life.

Many needed repairs have been made this year. The schoolhouse at Coldbrook has been painted. New blackboards have been installed in the schoolhouse in the South District. The new outbuilding at the Center has greatly improved sanitary conditions at that school. Arrangements have been made for installing jackets around the stoves in the three district schools, thus providing a more uniform distribution of the heat and better ventilation. Next year a new outbuilding similar to the one at the West School should be built at the South School. New floors should be laid in both rooms at the Center School. The present floors are badly worn, full of large cracks to collect the dust, and extremely noisy.

The lengthening of the school year from thirty-three to thirty-four weeks will increase the expenses about seventy-five dollars next year. The usual high percentage of attendance has been somewhat lowered this year by the epidemics but some rooms have had almost perfect attendance some months.

I recommend a change in the textbooks used in arithmetic and in language for the lower grades. I also recommend the introduction of a text in physiology.

It is with great regret that we record the loss of Mrs. Woodis who had served the schools of the town for so many years as teacher and member of the school committee. She took a keen interest in the work and was always a welcome visitor. She will be missed by both teachers and pupils.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the teachers for their hearty cooperation, and the school committee for their many helpful suggestions and deep interest in the success of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT I. BRAMHALL,
Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

January 3, 1916—February 18, 1916	7 weeks
March 27, 1916—June 16, 1916	12 weeks
September 4, 1916—December 15, 1916	15 weeks
January 1, 1917—February 16, 1917	7 weeks
March 26, 1917—June 15, 1917	12 weeks

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPT. 1, 1915.

Boys, 5-7 years old	7	6
Girls, 5-7 years old	8	10
Boys, 7-14 years old	38	25
Girls, 7-14 years old	40	35
Boys, 14-16 years old	13	11
Girls, 14-16 years old	7	9
Total,	113	98
		96

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF NINTH GRADES,

Friday, June 11, 1915.

Program.

March. Schools
Prayer. Rev. A. H. Plumb
Song, "O Blest Creator." Schools
Welcome. Edward O'Donnell
Essay, "Irrigation in the West."
Lavander Sargeant Clifford
Song, "Over the Fields of Clover." Schools
Essay, "The Work of the Fish Commission."
William MacFarland Morse
Recitation, "The Legend of St. Christopher."
Ella Sherman Ferrin
Essay, "Civil War Days in Oakham."
F. Arthur Louis Thomas
Song, "Sailing" Schools
Essay, "The Old Turnpikes." Henry Sommerman Newton
Essay, "Boy Musicians." Marion Corinne Fairbank
Class Future. Charles William Keep
Song, "Forget-Me-Not." Schools
Essay, "Peace, Farewell." Edith Alberta Plumb
Presentation of Certificates. Jesse Allen,
Chairman of School Committee
Class Song.

REPORT OF THE

Supervisor of Drawing.

Holden, Massachusetts,
December 31, 1915.

Mr. Robert I. Bramhall, Superintendent of schools.

Dear Sir:

As my work in the schools began in September, 1915, my report must necessarily be brief.

The aim of the drawing courses is not to make an artist of every child, but to develop the power of drawing as a simple, efficient means of expression. Every child with or without talent should be taught to appreciate refinement in ordinary surroundings, to use judgment in selecting and designing objects in common use, and to love the beautiful in art and nature.

I thank the teachers for their co-operation and interest, which have done much to make my work in Oakham a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,
G. ELEANOR SHAW,
Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Mr. Robert I. Bramhall,
Superintendent of Schools,
Holden, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

I have inspected the school pupils of Oakham twice during the current year. The general condition of the pupils has been found good, with no unusual number of minor afflictions common among school children.

Over one-fourth of the pupils are unvaccinated—a record probably unequalled in any town in the state. The town authorities should act without further delay to remedy this condition by enforcing the statutes requiring vaccination.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. STICKNEY,
School Physician.

Holden, December 31, 1915

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT.

January 11, 1916.

During the past year we have had very few forest fires. The season was wet, thus making it much easier to control them. Then the town has extinguishers all through the town, so if a fire starts in any part of the town everyone gets busy and by the time the warden or the deputies get there, the fire is well under control. Then the lookout station on the mountain has an eye out for fires and when the lookout sees smoke he locates it as near as he can and notifies the warden in that location and tells him to get busy, and they do. So you see the wardens are being watched by the man higher up, so there is no chance for a warden to shirk in that office which he holds. The town of Oakham has the reputation of having the best fire fighters of any town that has a paid fire company. We have saved thousands of dollars' worth of property by having these extinguishers in nearly every house in town, whereas, if we had had a more elaborate equipment stationed in the village and had to wait for that to get there, the place would have been burned down. The first five minutes with a small extinguisher when the fire starts is worth more than a whole fire company an hour later. The money that the town invests in extinguishers is of as much importance as good work.

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,
Fire Warden.

ROLL OF HONOR, 1914-1915.

One Year.

Alexina Labonte, Helen Gaffney.

Two Terms of Eleven Weeks.

Emroy Howe, Ruth Morse, Arthur Thomas, Esther Briggs, Herbert Howe, Charles Ferrin, Doris Bruce, Bernice Carpenter, Holbrook Prescott, Doris Carpenter.

One Term of Eleven Weeks.

Ola Bechan, Lavander Clifford, Ella Ferrin, Beatrice Howe, William Morse, Edward O'Donnell, Edith Plumb, Franklin Briggs, Hazel Briggs, Alexander Crawford, Edwin Lupa, Arline Prevost, Sophie Bechan, Kenneth Pierce, Walter Pierce, Alla Carpenter, Harlan Boyd, Harry Boyd, Joseph Bryce, Russell Chase, Ralph Prescott, Lena Knight, Arthur Messier, Gertrude Edson, Laura Snay, Frank Parkman, Ethel Rutherford.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1914—1915

School	Teacher	Preparation	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	N. Brookfield High	$12.00	27	25	23	93
Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Sem.	$11.00	24	20	19	92
Coldbrook	Madeline Earle*	Lowell Normal	$11.00	34	29	28	97
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	$10.00	13	11	10	95
West	Kathryn Butler	Worcester Normal	$10.00	23	13	10	78
Music	Ruth B. Dwelley	Northampton	$4.00				
Totals			$58.00	121	98	90	91
		1915—1916					
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	N. Brookfield High	$12.00	20			
Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Sem.	$11.00	26			
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	$12.50	27			
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	$10.00	15			
West	Helena K. Rutherford	N. Brookfield	$10.00	15			
Music	Ruth B. Dwelley	Northampton	$4.00				
Drawing	G. Eleanor Shaw	Mass. Normal Art	$5.00				
	Totals		$64.50				

*Substitutes:—May E. O'Donnell, Antonia E. Godabout, Teresa McDermott.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

For the Year 1915.

BIRTHS.

March 6, son (Charles Reuben) to Sylvester R. and Ethel B. Dean.
March 7, son (Laureston S.) to Edward J. and Laura N. Crawford.
March 27 daughter, (Isabel) to Ralph I. and Leone Daniels
April 1, son (Albert Francis) to Francis A. and Bernice B Sullivan.
May 25, son (Anthony) to Frank and Josephine Luper.
Aug. 2, daughter (Helen) to Martin and Damy Winsky.
Sept. 21, daughter (Martha E.) to George H. and Marjorie E. Lackey.
Oct. 8, daughter (Julia M.) to William H. and Louise H. Harris.
Dec. 4, daughter (Elizabeth P.) to Franklin E. and Mabel P. Howe.
Dec. 27, son (Albert N.) to Albert N. and Irna C. Dufault.

MARRIAGES.

July 20, Herbert L. Burdett to Nellie P. Hale.
July 28, Harry W. Green to Della L. Dodge.
Sept. 11, A. Leroy Burt to May E. O'Donnell.
Oct. 27, Irving R. Flemming to Hazel E. Grimes.
Oct. 16, Jay E. Eaton to Ina G. Paige.
Nov. 24, James F. Gaffney to Winifred A. Mulligan.

DEATHS.

	Year	Mo.	Days
Jan. 15, Jeremiah R. Fairbank	88	3	11
Feb. 19, Henry E. Morse	67	1	11
April 14, William H. Chamberlain	73	3	6
May 2, Susan F. Fairbank	82	4	3
May 6, Wayland Angier	64	10	7
May 14, Sarah A. White	42		
May 27, P. James Cummings	37	7	20
July 14, Warren C. Keyes	80	3	10
Aug. 13, M. Ruberta Dean	2	9	25
Oct. 9, Minnie L. Woodis	58	9	25
Nov. 7, Edward F. Parmenter	65	8	20
Dec. 1, Sabra W. Woodis	88	11	8

BURIALS IN TOWN.

Jan. 25, Mary P. Dunn	94	6	13
Feb. 2, Lucy W. Allen	80	2	25
March 10, Lorenzo Hill	82	0	26
Dec. 14, Martha R. Sargeant	76		

Number of dogs licensed, 67. Male, 60; female, 7.

Number of hunter's licenses issued, 88.

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

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OF THE TOWN OF

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Ending December 31

1916

THE GAZETTE MOTOR PRINT
BARRE, MASS.

Town Officers for 1916

TOWN CLERK:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1918

SELECTMEN:

GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD,	Term expires 1917
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,	Term expires 1918
JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1919

ASSESSORS:

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1917
WALTER A. WOODIS,	Term expires 1918
SYLVESTER H. HASKELL,	Term expires 1919

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1917
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1918
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,	Term expires 1919

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

MRS. MINNIE M. DAY,	Term expires 1917
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1918
J. NELSON BALL,	Term expires 1919

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1917
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,	Term expires 1918
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1919

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

JAMES P. FAIRBANK	Term expires 1917
ALFRED C. MORSE,	Term expires 1918
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1919

COLLECTOR:

EDMUND CODY.

TREASURER:

JOHN W. DWELLEY.

AUDITOR:

ROY M. WEAVER.

TREE WARDEN:

HENRY W. GRIMES.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR:

GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

GEORGE H. MORSE.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

W. R. DEAN, W. A. WOODIS, O. D. WEBBER.

MEASURERS OF WOOD:

A. C. MORSE, S. R. DEAN, F. H. PARMENTER.

FENCE VIEWERS:

JESSE ALLEN, S. H. HASKELL,
C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

CONSTABLES:

W. C. AYRES, W. R. DEAN, F. L. CHEEVER,
F. H. PARMENTER, FREDERICK EXLEY,
H. W. BARTLETT.

FIELD DRIVER:

R. F. PARKER.

TOWN AGENT:

FRANK S. CONANT.

UNDERTAKER:

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

CATTLE INSPECTOR:

HENRY W. STONE.

FOREST FIREWARD:

C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

ROBERT I. BRAMHALL.

Town Clerk's Report

of

Births, Marriages and Deaths

for the year 1916

BIRTHS.

Jan. 24. Daughter (Myrtle Lizzie) to Harry W. and Della D. Green.

Jan. 13. Daughter (Thais S.) to Fabius W. and Rhoda C. Beckwith.

Feb. 8. Son (Nicholas M.) to Mitze and Edith S. George.

Apr. 26. Daughter (Myrtle Alice) to Bert S. and Alice B. Reed.

Aug. 10. Daughter (Clara M.) to Weston and Florence C. Barton.

Aug. 16. Daughter (Ida Emma) to Samuel and Eva C. Bruno.

MARRIAGES.

June 21. Milton A. Bullard to Minnie M. Rutherford.

Sept. 25. Percy F. Wilbur to Lila C. Parkman.

Oct. 16. Owen D. Armstrong to Beatrice Monroe.

Nov. 8. Wallace S. Freeman to Esther C. Needham.

Nov. 30. Joseph J. Beacham to Mary A. White.

DEATHS.

			Y.	M.	D.
Jan.	11.	(In Worcester) Edward P. Maynard,	86	0	12
Jan.	31.	William S. Crawford,	84	7	9
Feb.	28.	James E. Kennedy,	56	8	22
Mar.	7.	Walter M. Robinson,	57	11	20
Mar.	19.	Helen Winsky,		7	17
Apr.	4.	Charles Foster,	75	2	19
Apr.	7.	Martha J. Hale,	38	9	22
Oct.	30.	John E. Stone,	71	11	17
Dec.	4.	Charles F. Sanderson,	66	2	25

Population, 527.

Voters, male, 133; female, 9.

Number of dogs licensed, 67; male, 56; female, 11.

Number of hunter's licenses, 80.

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

Report of

Superintendent of Streets

REPAIRING ROADS, 1916.

G. T. Butterfield,	$489 80
James Woodis,	136 00
Frank Boyd,	124 00
Evander Green,	123 26
Guy C. Allen, Jr.,	119 58
Henry D. Bullard,	97 44
Fred Parkman,	73 25
Winthrop Boyd,	69 25
Clifford Knight,	40 50
George Morse,	32 50
Walter R. Dean,	30 00
Ed. Bullard,	18 50
R. F. Parker,	15 31
Milton Bullard,	14 50
James Scott,	14 42
Roy Weaver,	13 50
Pat O'Donnell,	13 63
New England Road Machine Co.,	11 50
Graal Keep,	7 50
Arthur Spooner,	5 50
J. P. Fairbank,	5 50
David Hallowell,	5 00
Ira Stone,	4 50
Frank Loring,	4 00
Frank Lupier,	4 00

David Labonte,	3 25
Ed. Green,	3 25
W. H. Parkman,	3 00
Geo. S. Butler,	3 19
John P. Day,	2 40
John Dwelly,	2 25
Manton Lincoln,	2 17
Henry Stone,	1 75
Tom Gaffney,	1 67
Justin Rawson,	1 50
Henry Grimes,	1 25
	$1498 62

GRAVEL ROADS, 1916.

Evander Green,	$132 50
G. T. Butterfield,	88 50
James Woodis,	63 00
Henry Bullard,	62 50
Guy C. Allen, Jr.,	62 13
Milton Bullard,	61 25
Roy Weaver,	53 25
Winthrop Boyd,	52 00
Walter Dean,	51 65
Frank Boyd,	48 00
William Fullam Co.,	40 16
Standard Oil Co.,	40 00
John O'Donnell,	33 75
Grace Keep,	27 50
Edwin Bullard,	28 25
Clifford Knight,	24 75
Edwin Green,	20 25

Patrick O'Donnell,	11 25	
Frank Loring,	5 00	
Geo. S. Butler,	2 59	
		$908 28
Received from the State,		700 00
		$208 28

G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
Road Commissioner.

OPENING ROADS, 1916.

G. T. Butterfield,	$76 72
Morton F. Lincoln,	64 07
D. A. Rutherford,	9 00
John Bowen,	1 50
James Scott,	41 16
H. W. Stone,	27 08
Geo. H. Morse,	1 75
Frank Lupier,	64 93
Walter McClantham,	3 95
Justin Rawson,	17 75
H. D. Bullard,	6 43
H. A. Crawford,	27 20
William Gaffney,	54 92
Ira Stone,	32 29
Thomas Gaffney,	23 48
Thomas Moran,	1 25
John Moran,	6 00
Fred Allen,	7 13
Peter White,	21 00
Frederick Exley,	12 25
Patrick O'Donnell,	44 36

S. R. Dean,	27 53
W. R. Dean,	4 75
Will Moran,	2 62
W. A. Parkman,	4 44
Wallace Grimes,	1 50
W. E. Swindell,	4 89
Fay Russell,	7 75
S. H. Haskell,	4 50
John P. Day,	18 31
C. H. Trowbridge,	10 00
C. R. Knight,	7 75
F. W. Beckwith,	12 44
David Hallowell,	6 75
Evander Green,	13 50
Walter Green,	13 75
Roy Weaver,	19 00
Frank Boyd,	3 25
C. O. Adams,	10 00
Guy C. Allen,	5 50
Paul Needham,	5 75
Fred Beacham,	3 00
James Gaffney,	52 83
Timothy Doyle,	20 75
Mason Dean,	30 38
A. B. Spooner,	4 25
James Woodis,	4 50
W. H. Boyd,	7 00
Bert Reed,	16 25
Dennis Leyden,	10 50
E. A. Burton,	3 00
Geo. Larvel,	11 63
Will Snay,	6 50

John Thrasher,	3 00
Edwin Bullard,	88
	$902 67

G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
Road Commissioner.

Report of the
Overseers of the Poor

Assessment,	$11 40
Dr. Bates,	2 25
G. S. Butler,	10 65
Blanks,	45
Postage,	2 75
City Hospital,	22 86
St. Vincent Hospital,	93 79
M. F. Lincoln,	92 40
Board of E. H. Ayres (Refunded),	154 65
Wm. H. Parkman (Overseer),	42 00
Jesse Allen (Overseer),	23 00
C. H. Trowbridge (Overseer),	10 00
	$466 20

Respectfully submitted,
JESSE ALLEN,
WM. H. PARKMAN,
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,
Overseers of the Poor

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Report of the

Charlton Poor Farm Assoc.

From January 1, 1916 to January 1, 1917

EXPENDITURES

Orrin L. Potter and wife (salary)	$ 650 00
Inside Labor,	456 37
Outside Labor,	271 58
Groceries,	2,042 44
Meat,	301 35
Rent and Interest,	585 96
Tobacco,	71 81
Blacksmithing,	98 56
Filling Silo,	63 50
Molasses,	23 23
Fertilizer,	46 80
Painting,	20 00
Filling Icehouse,	7 00
Harness,	29 00
Sawdust,	57 08
Stock,	510 00
Horse,	200 00
Miscellaneous,	450 89
Grain,	1,494 14
Fish and Oysters,	117 83
Oil,	25 45
Coal,	317 87
Medicine and Medical Attendance,	123 85

Boots, shoes and clothing,	273 88
Replenishing,	60 74
Wagon,	18 00
Tools and Seeds,	82 12
Hardware,	91 79
Veterinary,	38 75
Table,	16 00
Poultry,	12 50
Potatoes,	13 75
	$8,572 16

RECEIPTS

Milk,	$2,216 22
Eggs,	40 38
Stock,	718 44
Horse,	200 00
Outside Labor,	174 46
Board,	388 93
Miscellaneous,	18 05
Assessments from the several towns belonging to the Charlton Poor Farm Association,	620 03
	$4,376 51

Cash received:

Charlton, 115 2-7 weeks, $5.257,	$606 26
Paxton, 52 2-7 weeks, $5.257,	274 97
Westminster, 52 2-7 weeks, $5.257,	274 97
Holden, 95 2-7 weeks, $5.257,	501 10
Princeton, 92 5-7 weeks, $5.257,	487 01
Rutland, 52 2-7 weeks, $5.257,	274 97

Millbury, 154 5-7 weeks, $5.257,	813 54
Hubbardston, 7 3-7 weeks, $5.257,	39 26
Holland, 19 5-7 weeks, $5.257,	101 84
Sterling, 74 4-7 weeks, $5.257,	392 42
Hardwick, 52 2-7 weeks, $5.257,	275 26
Oakham, 29 1-7 weeks, $5.257,	153 45
	$4,195 65

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation,	$100 00
Perpetual care of lots,	65 00
Individual care of lots,	81 12
Contributions,	20 00
	$266 12

EXPENSES

Paid Edwin Green, Supt.,	$160 80
G. S. Butler,	19 96
A. C. Morse,	11 25
Wm. A. Nye,	66 75
Mr. Rogers (Printing),	2 32
Mrs. Foster,	2 70
A. Spooner,	1 00
W. A. Woodis,	75
	$265 53

As usual our cemeteries have been well cared for, permanent improvements having been made within the past year.

Generous contributions have been received from families interested, in this and in other towns for this purpose.

The expense of fertilizing and lawn mowing single burial lots in the future will be three dollars annually. For lawn mowing alone two dollars. Owners desiring both will please notify the Supt. or one of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
ALFRED C. MORSE,
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,,
Cemetery Committee

Fobes Memorial Library

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation,	$300 00
Dog Fund,	138 27
Gift for New Lights (Mrs. C. E. Fobes),	150 00
	$588 27

EXPENSES

Wm. C. Ayres (Janitor),	$123 48
R. F. Parker,	13 13
Amer. Gas Machine Co. (New Lights),	160 00
C. H. Trowbridge, cement and labor,	7 40
G. S. Butler,	5 12
Freight, Ex. and Postage,	8 09
E. Cody (Coal),	70 00
A. Spooner, drawing coal,	17 48
J. Allen, repairs,	1 95
C. H. Parker & Son,	36 05
Magazines and Books,	18 25
G. N. Briggs, exchange of Books (Coldbrook),	25 00
F. E. Davis, Librarian,	75 00
F. E. Davis, cataloguing,	7 00
	$567 95

The "Library" including the "Building" and Furnishings, has been cared for, the past year, entirely by the Trustees.

The new "System of Lighting" presented by Mrs. C. E. Fobes of Worcester, works well and is greatly enjoyed.

A beautiful "Hall Clock," both useful and ornamental, has been presented to the "Library" by our "Old Friend," Mr. Herbert D. Gough of Worcester.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
SARA E. BUTLER,
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,
Library Trustees

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

During the year the library has been open 101 days.

Circulation,	2,749
Largest number charged in one day,	49
Smallest number charged in one day,	7
Loaned for use in the public schools,	108

These publications are furnished for the reading room: Illustrated World, Ladies' World, McClure's, Everybody's, Independent, Youths' Companion, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Country Gentleman, Christian Herald, Christian Endeavor World, Woman's Journal, Successful Farming, Our Dumb Animals, Worcester Telegram.

The Library has received gifts from The State Library Commission, Woman's Education Association, Y. P. S. C. E., Mrs. Chetwood Smith, G. M. Dean, Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg, Miss Orzina Lovell, Walter A. Woodis, Edward S. Crawford, Mrs. Lilla Robinson, Mrs. Celia E. Fobes, Mrs. Julius Brown, Benjamin Eldridge, Frank S. Conant, Herbert D. Gough, Jasper Peabody, Eleanor Hubbell, Charles A. Ware, Mrs. Kate Wilkinson, Mrs. Abbie E. Dean, W. E. Gifford and John Moore. The Library has 2,752 catalogued volumes. Additions during the year:

Little Sir Galahad,	Gray
My Heart's Right There,	Barclay
Yourself and the Neighbors,	MacManus
The Clarion,	Adams
Patrol of the Sundance Trail,	Connor
The Honorable Percival,	Rice
Cranberry Cove Stories,	Smith
Ten Boys Who Live on the Road from Long Ago,	Andrews
Calling of Dan Matthew,	Wright
The Hermit,	Munn
Four American Poets,	Cody
The Children's Book,	Scudder
Lisbeth Longfrock,	Poulsson
Indian Child Life,	Deming
Mother Goose Village,	Bigham
The Blue Bird for Children,	Perkins
Handy Book for Girls,	Paré
Boy Scouts,	Seton
Games for Playground, Home and School,	Bancroft
Indian Scout Talks,	Eastman
Christmas,	Schauffler

Pierrot Dog of Belgium,	Dyer
My Year of the Great War,	Palmer
Tree Dwellers,	Dopp
The Land We Live In,	Price
Let Me Explain,	Williams
The Nations at War,	Abbott
Washington's Birthday,	Schauffler
Life of Edison,	Meadowcroft
Fritz in Germany,	McDonald
Collette in France,	McDonald
More Than Conqueror,	Gilbert
Boris in Russia,	McDonald
A Nurse in Every Home,	Overlock
Famous Men of Middle Ages,	Haaren
The Belgians at Home,	Holland
The Pentecost of Calamity,	Wister
Woman's Suffrage,	Bjorkman
Mighty Animals,	Mix
A Summer in Alaska,	Schwatka
World's Fair,	Jenks
Christopher Columbus,	Brooks
Drifting Round the World,	Hall
A Little Colonial Dame,	Sage
The Pot of Gold,	Wilkins
Young Puritans in King Phillip's War,	Smith
The Farm Book,	Smith
The Early Cave Men,	Dopp
The Later Cave Men,	Dopp
Our American Neighbors,	Winslow
Famous Legends,	Crommelin
Palmer Cox Brownie Primer,	Judd
Story of Cotton,	Brooks

Myths of Red Children,	Wilson
Pilgrim Stories,	Humphrey
The Prince and Betty,	Wodehouse
At Sunwich Port,	Jacobs
Heart of Oak Books,	Norton
Banbury Cross Stories,	Howard
So-Fat and Mew-Mew,	Craik
Benighted Mexico,	Smith
Plain Facts About Mexico,	Hagar
A Diplomat's Wife in Mexico,	O'Shaughnessy
The Old Peabody Pew,	Wiggin
Mary Cary,	Bosher
The Little Colonel's Holidays,	Johnston
Little Colonel Stories,	Johnston
Helping Himself,	Alger
Try Again,	Optic
The Making of Major,	Lee
The Mystery of the Carol Ranch,	Kingsbury
Mary 'Gusta,	Lincoln
David Penstephen,	Pryce
Pollyooly,	Jepson
Song of the Lark,	Carter
Prince and Goblin,	McDonald
Songs of Friendship,	Riley
Songs of Home,	Riley
Songs of Summer,	Riley
300 Things a Bright Boy Can Do.	
Old Glory,	Andrews
Animal Stories,	Lang
Orange Fairy Book,	Lang
Olive Fairy Book,	Lang
Stories of the Red Children,	Brooks

Stories of Famous Pictures,	Powers
Child's Guide to Living Things,	Brewster
At the Back of the North Wind,	MacDonald
The Princess and Curdie,	MacDonald
Cinderella,	Lang
April Baby's Book of Tunes.	Arnim
Sure Pop and Safety Scouts,	Bailey
Brier-Patch Philosophy,	Long
Stories of India's Gods and Heroes,	Monro
Robin Hood and Men of Greenwood,	Gilbert
The Paradise of Children,	Hawthorne
The Golden Touch,	Hawthorne
The Gorgon's Head,	Hawthorne
Three Golden Apples,	Hawthorne
Heroic Life of Abraham Lincoln.	
Heroic Life of Wm. McKinley.	
Brave Deeds of Our Naval Heroes.	
The Dressmaker.	
The Children's Book,	Burnett
Helmet and Cowl,	Letts
Our Child's Favorites,	Wright
Four and Twenty Tailors,	Lucas
The Real Mother Goose.	
Atlas and Gazetter of the World,	Reynolds
Boys and Girls of the White House,	Sage
Belgium,	Ormond
In Connection With the De Willoughby Claim,	Burnett
The Country of the Pointed Firs,	Jewett
American Wild Flowers,	Mathews
Nature Studies in Field and Wood,	Reed
Birds,	Reed
Mother Nature's Children,	Gould

Stories of Useful Inventions,	Forman
From Colony to Commonwealth,	Tiffany
Dicken's Dramatic Reader.	
Beginning Electricity,	Shafter
Florence Nightingale,	Richards
Heroes of Chivalry,	Greene
King Arthur and His Knights,	Warren
What Germany Wants,	Mach
Heroes of Everyday Life,	Coe
Stories From British History,	Bevan
The Insect Folk,	Morley
When I Was a Boy in Belgium,	Jonckheere
Told By the Camp Fire,	Cheley
First Book of Forestry,	Roth
The Steam Engine,	Baker
Little Journeys to Russia,	Koch
Indoors and Out,	Mott & Chubb
The Friendship of Nations,	Gulliver
The Heart of a Boy,	Amicis
Elements of Farm Practice,	Wilson
How Telegraphs and Telephones Work,	Gibson
Plays for School Children,	Lutkenhaus
Shelters, Shacks and Shanties,	Beard
The Redemption of David Corson,	Goss
The Haunted Crust,	Saunders
A Tenderfoot in California,	Yeslah
A Fatal Past,	Russell
Ruffino,	Ouida
Constance Trescot,	Mitchell
The Iron Woman,	Deland
The Human Interest,	Hunt
Philip Winwood,	Stephens

The Dawn of a Tomorrow,	Burnett
Arminell,	Baring
Kate Carnegie,	MacCaren
A Widow in Thrums,	Barrie
The Mystery of Casterbridge,	Hardy
Holy Orders,	Corelli
David Grieve,	Ward
His Majesty, Myself.	
The Prince of India.	Wallace
R. Holmes & Co.,	Bangs
Cecilia.	Crawford
Barabbas,	Corelli
Corruption,	White
Daniel and the Revelation,	Smith
Billy Sunday, Man and Message,	Ellis
Busy Folk,	Edson and Laing
Lend a Hand,	Edson and Laing
Neighbors,	Edson and Laing
International Encyclopedia.	

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. DAVIS,
Librarian

Report of the
School Committee

RECEIPTS

Town—Support of Schools,	$1,800 00
Town—School Superintendent,	60 00
Town—Medical Inspection,	25 00
State return—School Fund,	1,328 28
State return—High School tuition,	790 00
State return—High School transportation,	935 10
State return—School Superintendent,	187 50
State return—Education State children,	40 75
City of Boston return—Education Boston children,	78 00
	$5,244 63

EXPENSES

SUPERVISION

School Committee

Paid Jesse Allen, services,	$55 25
Jesse Allen, expenses,	3 00
Jesse Allen, school census,	5 00
Mrs. Minnie M. Day, services,	9 00
J. Nelson Ball, services,	6 00
	$78 25

School Superintendent

Paid Robert I. Bramhall, salary,	$267 50
Robert I. Bramhall, expenses,	2 97
	$270 47

Teachers

Paid Miss F. E. Bothwell,	$420 00
Miss E. M. Braman,	385 00
Mrs. E. T. Swindell,	350 00
Miss R. E. Butterfield,	462 50
Miss H. Rutherford,	350 00
Miss E. Shaw,	177 50
Mrs. R. B. Dwelly,	140 00
	$2,285 00

Books

Paid Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.,	$ 7 50
Chas. E. Merrill & Co.,	24 32
The Macmillan Co.,	4 00
Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	7 07
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	32 77
American Book Co.,	8 94
D. C. Heath & Co.,	5 93
R. I. Bramhall, express,	3 04
	$93 57

Supplies

Paid Edw. E. Babb & Co.,	$ 5 42

J. L. Hammett Co.,	48 14
G. S. Butler,	6 52
R. I. Bramhall,	2 57
C. H. Parker & Son,	95
Helena K. Rutherford,	40
G. Eleanor Shaw,	39
	$64 39

Care and Cleaning

Paid W. W. Russell,	$56 00
Walter Tucker,	6 10
Edward Gaffney,	10 40
J. Nelson Ball,	21 00
Samuel Sherman,	50
Frank Parkman,	5 28
Edgar Swindell,	4 00
Mrs. John Haire,	3 00
Joana Winsky,	4 35
Laura Snay,	70
	$111 33

Fuel

Paid Wm. Gaffney,	$25 25
W. W. Russell,	20 00
S. F. Woodis,	9 94
W. R. Woodis,	25 00
M. S. Dean,	25 00
F. H. Parmenter,	15 00
Henry Stone,	12 00
J. Nelson Ball,	5 50
	$137 69

Janitors' Supplies

Paid Middlesex House of Correction,	$3 50
Mass. State Prison,	2 02
	$5 52

Repairs

Paid Denholm & McKay Co.,	$3 48
F. S. Conant,	4 30
Wm. C. Ayres,	4 95
W. R. Dean,	3 50
R. F. Parker,	2 75
David Labonte,	1 50
R. I. Bramhall,	20
H. A. Wales Co.,	2 50
G. Eleanor Shaw,	1 00
Wm. Gaffney,	1 25
	$25 43

Promotion of Health

Paid Dr. C. W. Stickney,	$20 00

Grade Transportation

Paid Mrs. Besse Labonte,	$274 00
Ernest W. Mann,	6 35
	$280 35

High School Transportation

Paid Mr. Chas. Clifford,	$46 50
Mr. Edward Cody,	77 85

Mr. Mason Dean,	58 50
Mr. Walter Dean,	60 00
Mr. Wm. Gaffney,	83 70
Mr. James Fairbank,	60 00
Mr. Patrick Moran,	102 00
Rev. Albert Plumb,	58 50
Mr. Geo. Morse,	19 50
Mr. Harry Parker,	60 00
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell,	66 00
Mr. Appleton Newton,	42 00
Mr. Clifford Rutherford,	48 30
Mr. Edgar Swindell,	40 50
Mr. Frank Winslow,	61 50
Mr. James Woodis,	57 00
Mr. Geo. S. Butler,	19 50
Mrs. Clayton Adams,	24 00
Mr. Walter Bruce,	17 50
	$1,602 85

High School Tuition

Paid Town of Barre,	$350 00
Town of Hardwick,	300 00
Town of Holden,	158 75
Town of No. Brookfield,	40 00
	$848 75

Miscellaneous

Florence Bothwell,	$3 00
Barre Gazette,	3 71
Guy C. Allen,	5 00
	$11 71

Total,	$5,235 31
Receipts,	$5,244 63
Expenditures,	5,235 31
Unexpended balance,	$9 32

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
J. NELSON BALL,
MINNIE M. DAY,
School Committee

Report of the

Superintendent of Schools

Holden, Massachusetts,
January 1, 1917.

To the School Committee of the Town of Oakham:

I submit herewith my fourth annual report as superintendent of schools.

During the past year the work in all the schools has progressed smoothly with little interruption. Oakham is fortunate to be free from the constant changing of teachers, which breaks up the work in many small towns.

During the year a new series of arithmetics was purchased. It is hoped that this series will prove more practical than the ones formerly used. There has also been a partial change in the textbooks used for geography and history. Next year new spelling books, elementary language books, and physiologies should be purchased.

Most of the school buildings are in good condition. The most serious needs are new outbuildings for the South Schoolhouse and new floors in both rooms in the Center Schoolhouse.

Last spring the school year was increased to 34 weeks. It would improve the work of the schools to increase the year to 36 weeks by shortening the spring vacation. The present long vacation makes a break in the work of the year, similar to that caused by the summer vacation.

The law requiring the town to furnish transportation for its pupils attending high school in other towns has increased the cost of education in Oakham. Under the present law the town is required to bear the entire expense of high school transportation if it has expended less than $4.00 per $1,000.00 valuation from the proceeds of local taxation for the support of schools during the preceding year. If the town has expended over $4.00 but under $5.00 per $1,000.00, the state will reimburse the town for one-half the cost of such transportation, and if the town has expended over $5.00, the state will reimburse the town for the entire cost. In 1912, Oakham expended $3.11 per $1,000; in 1913, $5.25; in 1914, $6.58; in 1915, $3.80; and in 1916, over $5.00.

According to the law the town will be reimbursed in full for the cost of high school transportation in the school years 1914-15, 1915-16, and 1917-18, but will receive no reimbursement for the school years 1913-14, and 1916-17. It will therefore be necessary for the town to make an appropriation to cover the entire expense of transportation for the town fiscal year ending December 31, 1917. During the year 1917, the town will probably expend over $5.00 per $1,000 for the support of schools, but in 1918 there is danger that the expenditure will again fall below $4.00 and so force the town to bear the entire cost of high school transportation for the following school year, 1919-20.

The large enrollment in the Center Primary School, together with the small enrollment in the Grammar School, has made it necessary to transfer the fifth grade to the Grammar School this year.

As is shown in the table of statistics there has been a much smaller enrollment in the schools this fall. The Coldbrook School has had the best attendance record of all the schools in this district.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT I. BRAMHALL,

Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1915-1916.

School	Teacher	Educated at	Total Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent Attendance	Enrolled Dec. 31, 1916
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	North Brookfield High	20	19	18	93	15
Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Seminary	29	25	22	91	24
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	28	23	22	97	19
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	17	14	12	87	11
West	Helena K. Rutherford	North Brookfield High	18	14	12	85	9
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton					
Drawing	G. Eleanor Shaw	Mass. Normal Art					
			112	95	86	91	78

GRADUATION EXERCISES OF

NINTH GRADE

Friday, June 16, 1916

March — Schools
Prayer — Rev. A. H. Plumb
Song, "We Praise Thee" — Schools
Welcome — Orton Oliver Butler
Essay, "Some of Our Wild Flowers" — Ivah Catherine Cody
Essay, "The Value of Good Roads" — Fred John Bechan
Essay, "America's Beef Industry" — William Edward Sullivan
Song, "Spring Song" — Schools
Essay, "Our Neighbor Argentine" — George Franklin Grimes
Essay, "Our Wonderland" — Doris Bruce
Essay, "Sanitation in the Canal Zone" — Alfred Bullard Morse
Essay, "Our Flag and Its Meaning" — Edward Eugene Gaffney
Song, "Anchored" — Schools
Essay, "Class Future" — Eleanor Rugg Hubbell
Essay, "Farewell" — Gladys Mary Stone
Presentation of Certificates — Jesse Allen, Chairman of School Committee

Class Song

Mr. R. I. Bramhall, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—There is no study that demands of the pupil so many lines of thought at the same time as does music. An exercise in singing music requires concentration, application, accurate judgment, quick reading, rapid and proper location of sound, appreciation of time, and the production of a pure quality of tone.

The aim of school music is the development of culture through musical knowledge and skill.

The songs and studies throughout the course are chosen for their genuine musical worth, suitable for children of all ages, such as songs of the seasons, national and folk songs and songs of nature and of child life. The ultimate ends sought are song interpretation and musical appreciation.

Care is taken that the voice is not injured, and the pupil is taught to so place the tone as to establish the habit of using the mellow, head-tone, which is the charm and the safe guard of children's singing.

Attention is given to individual work, each pupil is trained to rely on himself, to become an independent thinker and doer. As one pupil sings, the others see and hear what he is attempting and profit from his effort. This work not only affords excellent training for the individual child, but also aids greatly in raising the standard of the class.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLY,
Supervisor of Music

Report of

The Selectmen

The selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1916.

PAID TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

Paid Jesse Allen	$45 97	
Postage and Tel.	7 39	
		$53 36

Treasurer

Paid John Dwelly	$50 00	
Postage	9 25	
		59 25

Tax Collector

Paid E. Cody	$85 00	
Postage	8 58	
		93 58

Selectmen

Paid John P. Day	$50 00	
G. T. Butterfield	40 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	40 00	
Postage	3 40	
		133 40

Assessors

Paid S. H. Haskell	40 00	
W. A. Woodis	46 00	
W. H. Parkman	45 00	
Abstracts	6 95	
Books	1 45	
		139 40

Auditor

Paid Roy Weaver	$45 83	
W. M. Robinson (estate)	4 17	
		50 00

Ballot Clerks and Tellers

Paid A. C. Morse	$8 00	
F. E. Davis	8 00	
J. P. Fairbanks	4 00	
John Dwelly	4 00	
Ira Stone	4 00	
Geo. H. Morse	2 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	2 00	
		32 00

Registrars of Voters

Paid G. T. Butterfield	$8 00	
Jesse Allen	8 00	
John P. Day	8 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	8 00	
		32 00

Total paid town officers	$592 99
Appropriation	$600 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid Geo. H. Morse		$15 00
Appropriation		15 00

Overseers of Poor

Services and support of poor		$466 20
Appropriation		150 00

School Committee

Paid for support of schools		$5,235 31

Library Trustees

Paid for support of Library		$567 95

Superintendent of Streets

Paid for highways and bridges		$1,498 62

Care of Street Lights

		$150 00
Appropriation	$27 50	
Paid Ray Howe	58 00	
Ralph Cody	47 50	
John Dwelly	14 00	
Oliver Wilkins	20 49	
Geo. Butler	64 17	
C. H. Parker & Son	18 31	
Am. Gas Machine Co.		$249 97

Bonds for Town Officers

		$25 00
Appropriation		
Paid Mass. Bonding Co.		
For Treasurer	$12 00	
For Tax Collector	30 00	
		$42 00

Cemetery Committee

Paid for care of cemeteries		$265 53

Brown Tail Moths

Appropriation		$100 00
Paid C. H. Trowbridge	$30 25	
Geo. A. Briggs	13 12	
Ray Weaver	14 50	
Albert M. Briggs	7 87	
		$65 74

State and County Tax

Paid State Tax	$720 00	
County Tax	400 00	
		$1,120 00

State Aid

Paid H. W. Green	$69 00	
John Stone	72 00	
S. Amanda Reed	72 00	
Emma A. Blodgett	62 00	
		$275 00

Worcester Trust Co.

Paid for money borrowed	$5,000 00	
Interest	126 50	
		$5,126 50

Tree Warden

Appropriation	$10 00
Paid Henry Grimes	4 00

State Road

Paid for building State Road	$908 28

Opening Roads

Paid for opening roads		902 67
Appropriation		850 00

Memorial Day

Paid Soldiers Memorial Association		$20 98
Appropriation		20 00

Soldiers' Memorial Tablet

Appropriation		$300 00
Paid J. C. Sargent		300 00

Painting Tool House

Appropriation		$25 00
Paid C. B. Daniels		20 00

Curtain for Hall

Paid H. W. Johns, Mannville Co.		$42 02
Appropriation		35 00

New Street Lights

Appropriation		$200 00
Paid Am. Gas Machine Co.	$166 50	
C. H. Parker & Sons	10 00	
G. T. Butterfield, freight and labor	7 94	
		$184 44

Insurance of Employees

Paid Frank Smith & Son		$65 00
Appropriation		55 00

Liquor Licenses

Paid State Treasurer ¼ liquor license		$250 00

Miscellaneous

Appropriation		$800 00
M. P. Howard, insurance	$206 00	
John P. Day, expenses to Boston	3 20	
G. T. Butterfield, expenses to Boston	3 20	
F. T. Parkman, wood	19 12	
Chas. Getting, certifying notes	4 00	
W. R. Dean, wood	25 00	
W. W. Russell, care of hall	78 99	
F. E. Davis, care of clock	25 00	
Dover Mfg. Co., Sealer's supplies	2 24	
Reynolds Mfg. Co., Sealer's supplies	4 08	
W. & L. E. Gurley, Sealer's supplies	3 45	
Arthur Webb, land damage	20 00	
Effie Swindell, land damage	20 00	
C. G. Rogers, printing	119 22	
C. H. Parker & Son, Board of Health supplies	2 50	
Dr. Douglas, reporting births	1 25	
Hobbs & Warren, blanks	1 05	
Industrial School, Chas. Keep, tuition	86 78	
F. H. Parmenter, dog officer	12 00	
Carters Ink Co., ink	18	
C. H. Trowbridge, tree trimmer	50	
J. P. Fairbanks, undertaker and death returns	16 00	
F. S. Conant, rope	1 01	
W. C. Ayres, express	4 44	
G. M. Dean, labor, telephone and stamps	5 92	
R. F. Parker, labor and supplies	10 10	
John P. Day, transportation of State		

Aid agent	2 00	
Sanford, Putnam Co., Collector's book	3 64	
Geo. S. Butler, supplies	12 16	
G. T. Butterfield, perambulating	4 00	
J. P. Day, perambulating	2 00	
Fires, C. H. Trowbridge	26 05	
H. W. Stone, Meat Inspector	82 25	
W. C. Ayres, police	10 00	
F. H. Parmenter, police	6 00	
Frank Cheever, police	3 00	
H. W. Stone, inspector of live stock	30 00	
		$856 43
Total payments		19,074 53

Treasurer's Report

Dr.

Jan. 1, to cash on hand,	$792 19
Received of Edmund Cody, taxes 1914,	13 87
Edmund Cody, taxes 1915,	1,964 74
Edmund Cody, taxes 1916,	6,613 99
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax,	63 71
State of Massachusetts, National bank tax,	49 68
State of Massachusetts, fire protection,	4 00
State of Massachusetts, soldiers' exemption,	18 46
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,	40 75
State of Massachusetts, high school tuition,	790 00
State of Massachusetts, transportation of high school pupils,	935 10
State of Massachusetts, Highway Commission,	700 00
State of Massachusetts, inspection of animals,	15 00
State of Massachusetts, State Aid,	200 00
State of Massachusetts, State school fund,	1,328 28

Borrowed of Worcester Trust Co.	4,500 00	
Guy C. Allen, Jr. and Ray Shaw, liquor license,	1,000 00	
W. C. Temple, Acct. School Superintendent,	187 50	
City of Boston, appropriation for School Committee,	88 00	
Dog fund returned,	138 27	
Rent of Memorial Hall,	92 00	
Cemetery Committee,	101 12	
Perpetual Care Funds	65 00	
One innholder's license,	1 00	
Two butcher's licenses,	2 00	
Grass on Library lot	1 50	
John Smith, balance on fines,	6 26	
F. E. Davis, cards and fines,	8 42	
Overseers of Poor,	154 70	
Sale of books,	8 30	
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	7 86	
H. K. Barnes & Co.,	43	
Henry P. Wright, street lamp,	10 00	
Henry P. Wright, repairs on street,	50 00	
Mrs. Celia Fobes, lights in library,	150 00	
W. L. Haskell Estate	100 00	
Clara Alden,	100 00	
Henry P. Wright,	100 00	
Laura Burt Estate,	100 00	
Ann D. Adams Estate,	25 00	
		$20,517 12

Cr.

By paying Selectmen's orders,	$19,074 53	
Trust Funds deposited,	425 00	
Overlaying taxes,	133 71	
		$19,633 24
Balance in Treasury,		883 88
Due Worcester Trust Co.,		1,500 00
Overlaying tax, 1915,		132 84

Cemetery Trust Funds

George H. Gould,	$100 00
Daniel H. Dean,	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150 00
Stephen Lincoln,	50 00
Charles H. Fobes,	100 00
Martha M. Macullar,	100 00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25 00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50 00
Mary E. Brown,	50 00
Weeks & Elliott,	100 00
Sumner Reed,	100 00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100 00
Lewis Allen,	100 00
Jesse Allen,	100 00
Ruth H. Robinson,	50 00
A. J. Holden,	50 00
Lyman S. Walker,	100 00
William A. Fobes,	100 00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg,	100 00
Henry A. Morse,	100 00
W. L. Haskell,	100 00
Clara Alden,	100 00

Henry P. Wright,	100 00
Laura Burt,	100 00
Ann D. Adams,	25 00

Library Fund and Interest

B. P. Clark,	$ 790 70
Mrs. Celia Fobes,	1,020 00

These funds are deposited in Savings Banks.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioners, Cemetery Committee, Tree and Fire Wardens, Moth Exterminator, and Library Trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector and found them to be correct.

R. M. WEAVER,
Auditor

It is with sadness we record the death of our late Auditor, Walter M. Robinson. Mr. Robinson had served the town as Auditor for sixteen years in a most efficient and able manner. He had also served the town as Overseer of the Poor and School Committee.

In his death we feel that the town has lost one of its most public-spirited citizens.

In behalf of the town and ourselves we extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

JOHN P. DAY,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
Selectmen of Oakham

LIST OF JURORS

Thomas Gaffney, Farmer.
W. C. Ayres, Painter.
Fred Parmenter, Officer.
Appleton Newton, Farmer.
Ray Weaver, Farmer.
George Morse, Farmer.
Ira Stone, Farmer.

Collector's Report

Dr.		
Uncollected taxes for 1913,		$27 70
Cr.		
By Abatement,		27 70
Dr.		
Uncollected Taxes for 1914,	$14 97	
Interest,	1 13	
		$16 10
Cr.		
By Treasurer's Report,	$13 87	
By Abatement,	2 23	
		$16 10
Dr.		
Uncollected Taxes for 1915,	$1,945 00	
Interest,	78 29	
		$2,023 29
Cr.		
By Treasurer's Receipts,	$1,964 74	
By Abatement,	24 68	
		$1,989 42
		$33 87

Dr.

Sept. 16.	Taxes committed to me for collection—		
	State Tax,	$ 720 00	
	County Tax,	400 00	
	Town Tax,	7,355 00	
	Overlayings,	133 71	
Dec. 16.	Omitted Taxes,	54 16	
	Interest	5 74	
			$8,668 61

Cr.

By Treasurer's Receipts,	6,613 99
	$2,054 62

Respectfully submitted.

EDMUND CODY,
Collector

TOWN WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester—

GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fifth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st. To choose a moderator to preside at all town meetings, except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Article 2nd. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 3rd. To choose one Selectmen, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, also to vote "YES" or "NO" in answer to the question: "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" all on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

Article 9th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 10th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from date of note therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 11th. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Article 12th. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock

and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 13th. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for suppression of the brown tail moth.

Article 14th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to light the street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 15th. To see if the town will vote to insure their employees, and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 16th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 293, General Acts of 1916. An act to authorize the licensing by cities and towns of motor vehicles carrying passengers for hire.

Article 17th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 59, General Acts 1916. An act relative to the holding of annual town meetings.

Article 18th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 153, General Acts of 1916. An act relative to the license fee for slaughter houses in towns having less than ten thousand inhabitants.

Article 19th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 240, Section 1, General Acts of 1916. An act relative to the hours of labor of public employees and persons employed on public works.

Article 20th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to install a lighting system in the Town Hall, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices, and one at the Congregational Church, in said town seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at time and place of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

JOHN P. DAY,
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
Selectmen of Oakham

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TOWN OF OAKHAM
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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1917

TOWN CLERK:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1918

SELECTMEN:

SYLVESTER R. DEAN,	Term expires 1918
JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1919
*GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD,	1920

ASSESSORS:

WALTER A. WOODIS,	Term expires 1918
SYLVESTER H. HASKELL (Left town)	
JOHN W. DWELLEY (Appointed),	Term expires 1919
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1920

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1918
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,	Term expires 1919
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1920

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1918
J. NELSON BALL,	Term expires 1919
MRS. MINNIE M. DAY,	Term expires 1920

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,	Term expires 1918
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1919
SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1920

*Deceased.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

ALFRED C. MORSE,	Term expires 1918
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1919
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1920

COLLECTOR:

EDMUND CODY.

TREASURER:

JOHN W. DWELLY.

AUDITOR:

ROY M. WEAVER.

TREE WARDEN:

GEORGE H. MORSE.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR:

*GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

GEORGE H. MORSE.

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

O. D. WEBBER, W. A. WOODIS,
W. R. DEAN.

MEASURERS OF WOOD:

A. C. MORSE, S. R. DEAN,
F. H. PARMENTER.

*Deceased.

FENCE VIEWERS:

JESSE ALLEN, S. H. HASKELL,
C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

CONSTABLES:

W. C. AYRES, W. R. DEAN, F. H. PARMENTER,
F. L. CHEEVER, FREDERICK EXLEY,
H. W. BARTLETT.

FIELD DRIVERS:

JOHN ROBINSON, EDWIN GREEN

TOWN AGENT:

FRANK S. CONANT.

UNDERTAKER:

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

CATTLE INSPECTOR:

HENRY W. STONE.
JOHN W. DWELLY (Appointed), Term expires 1919

FOREST FIREWARDEN:

C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

JAMES R. CHILDS.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the fourth day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Article 2d. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 3d. To choose Town Clerk, one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, one Selectman to fill vacancy, two years; Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers six Constables; also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in the town?" all on one bal-

lot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector.

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Article 13th. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Article 14th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to light the street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 15th. To see if the town will vote to insure their employees, and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 16th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 23, General Acts of 1917, entitled "An act to provide for the licensing of coffee houses, so called.

Article 17th. To see if the town will accept Chapter 254, General Acts 1917, entitled "An act to authorize cities and towns to pay their employees who enlist in the service of the United States the difference between their military and their municipal compensation.

Article 18th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to paint the outside of the town hall, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 19th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to pay one-fourth the cost of painting the outside of the church, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 20th. To see if the town will withdraw from the Charlton Poor Farm Association or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 21st. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to have its real estate re-valued or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up

three attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

JOHN P. DAY }
SYLVESTER R. DEAN } *Selectmen of Oakham.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BIRTHS.

Jan. 21. Son (John A.) to Martin and Danycile Winsky.
Mar. 1. Son (John V.) to John and Sarah E. Donnelly.
Mar. 15. Daughter (Marion G.) to Oliver and Etta M. Wilkins.
Mar. 28. Daughter (Louise A.) to Harry and Della L. Green.
Apr. 22. Daughter (Muriel E.) to Milton A. and Minnie M. Bullard.
Nov. 8. Daughter (Leah Rhoda) to Fabius and Rhoda L. Beckwith.

MARRIAGES.

Feb. 3. Richard N. Malcolm to Sophie Ring.
Sept. 3. John J. Beehan to Mary Stehlik.
Sept. 19. John Robinson to Annie Christiansen.
Dec. 18. Leo W. Scott to Florence N. Hadley.

DEATHS.

		Y	M	D
Jan. 8.	John Haire.	69	9	29
Jan. 28.	Charles H. Ferrin,	42	9	29
Feb. 9.	Lydia A. Allen,	82	2	3
Mar. 8.	Frank L. Nickerson,	58	8	22
Mar. 4.	Frank N. Fobes,	47	11	7

		Y	M	D
Apr. 6.	Jason A. Allen,	84	0	13
Apr. 29.	William H. Manning,	74	7	17
May 14.	Magdalen Holman,	53	7	21
Oct. 1.	Fannie F. Lincoln,	72		
Nov. 6.	John W. Baldwin,	78	2	4
Nov. 11.	Gilbert T. Butterfield,	39	9	15
Dec. 9.	Clara M. McClanathan,	57	1	28
Dec. 25.	Mrs. G. W. Stone,	76	5	2
Dec. 27.	Mary J. (Butterfield) Whittemore,	67	3	26

Population, 527.
Voters: male, 133; female, 9.
Number of dogs licensed: male, 76; female, 14—90.
Number of hunters' licenses, 79.

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

Jan. 1, to cash on hand,		$883 88
Received of Edmund Cody, taxes, 1915,	$36 91	
Edmund Cody, taxes, 1916,	2,039 79	
Edmund Cody, taxes, 1917,	6,238 03	
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax,	75 36	
State of Massachusetts, National Bank tax,	43 93	
State of Massachusetts, soldiers' exemption,	13 19	
State of Massachusetts, tuition of children,	120 75	
State of Massachusetts, highway commission,	300 00	
State of Massachusetts, inspection of animals,	18 00	
State of Massachusetts, State Aid,	275 00	
State of Massachusetts, State School Fund,	1,120 95	
State of Massachusetts, Income tax,	274 23	
State of Massachusetts, aid to mothers with dependent children,	25 58	
State of Massachusetts, one-half tuition of a pupil at Trade School,	43 00	

State Commissioner of Weights and Measures,	3 00	
J. W. Sargent & Son,	25 00	
Worcester Trust Co.,	5,000 00	
Guy C. Allen, Jr., & Ray Shaw, liquor license,	1,000 00	
W. C. Temple, Acct. School Superintendent,	187 50	
City of Boston, appropriation for school committee,	75 75	
Dog Fund, returned,	181 05	
Rent of Memorial Hall,	6 00	
Cemetery Committee,	72 00	
Perpetual Care Funds,	65 00	
One innholder's license,	1 00	
One butcher's license,	1 00	
John L. Smith, balance on fines,	34 92	
F. E. Davis, cards and fines,	7 35	
Overseers of Poor,	17 00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	6 92	
Sale of Library lamps,	9 00	
Mrs. Celia Fobes, for Library Fund,	1,000 00	
Mr. H. P. Wright, for Memorial Fund,	500 00	
Mrs. Charles Prouty, Cemetery Fund,	100 00	
		$20,691 09

Cr.

By paying Selectmen's orders,	$16,905 80	
Trust funds deposited,	1,600 00	
Overlaying taxes, 1917,	183 38	
		$18,689 17

Balance in Treasury,	$2,001 91
Due Worcester Trust Co.,	2,000 00
Overlaying 1915 and 1916 taxes,	266 55

Fobes Memorial Fund and Interest

Deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings	
Mrs. Celia Fobes,	$2,000 00
Interest,	110 80
B. P. Clark,	822 62
Alfred Park Wright Memorial Fund,	$500 00

Cemetery Trust Funds

Deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings:	
George H. Gould,	$100 00
Daniel H. Dean,	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150 00
A. J. Holden,	50 00
Lyman S. Walker,	100 00
William A. Fobes,	100 00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg,	100 00
Henry A. Morse,	100 00
William L. Haskell,	100 00
Henry P. Wright,	100 00
Laura G. Burt	100 00
Anna D. Adams,	25 00
Hall & Nourse,	100 00
In the Mechanics Savings Bank:	
Stephen Lincoln,	$150 00
Charles A. Fobes,	100 00

Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25 00
Mary E. Brown,	50 00
Martha M. Macullar,	100 00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50 00
Sumner Reed,	100 00
Weeks & Ellicott,	100 00

In the Five Cents Savings Bank:

Ruth H. Robinson,	$50 00
Jesse Allen,	100 00
Lewis Allen,	100 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The Selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1917.

PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Clerk

Paid Jesse Allen,	$67 74	
Postage and Tel.,	3 89	
Record Book,	2 00	
		$73 63

Treasurer

Paid John Dwelly,	$50 00	
Postage and Ex.,	10 32	
		60 32

Tax Collector

Paid Ed Cody,	$85 00	
Postage,	9 25	
		94 25

Selectmen

Paid John P. Day,	$50 00	
G. T. Batterfield Estate,	30 00	
Sylvester R. Dean,	40 00	
Postage and Tel.,	3 24	
		123 24

Assessors

Paid S. H. Haskell,	$25 00	
W. H. Parkman,	40 00	
W. A. Woodis,	50 00	
John Dwelly,	15 00	
Postage, etc.,	1 50	
		131 50

Auditor

Paid Roy Weaver,		50 00

Ballot Clerks and Tellers

Paid George A. Briggs,	$2 00	
A. C. Morse,	8 00	
C. B. Daniels,	2 00	
F. E. Davis,	10 00	
C. H. Trowbridge,	2 00	
John Dwelly,	8 00	
George Morse,	4 00	
		36 00

Registrars of Voters

Paid John P. Day,	$10 00	
Sylvester Dean,	10 00	
G. T. Butterfield,	10 00	
Jesse Allen,	10 00	
		40 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid George H. Morse,		15 00

Overseers of Poor

Services and Support of Poor,		784 92

School Committee

Paid for support of schools,		5,317 37

Library Trustees

Paid for support of library,		455 17

Superintendent of Streets

Paid for highways and bridges,		971 71

Care of Street Lights

Paid Oliver Wilkins,	$84 00	
John Dwelly,	56 00	
Albert Briggs,	28 00	
G. S. Butler,	14 15	
C. H. Parker & Son,	118 56	
American Gas Machine Co.,	12 69	
		313 40

Bonds for Town Officers

Paid Mass. Bonding Co.		
Treasurer,	$12 00	
Tax Collector,	30 00	
		42 00

Cemetery Committee

Paid for care of cemeteries,		183 39

State and County Tax

Paid County tax,	$441 00	
State tax,	990 00	
		1,431 00

State Aid

Paid H. M. Green,	$72 00	
Mrs. John E. Stone,	18 00	
S. Amanda Reed,	72 00	
Emma A. Blodgett,	72 00	
		234 00

Worcester Trust Co.

Paid for money borrowed,	$4,500 00	
Interest,	110 67	
		4,610 67

State Road

Paid for building state road,	393 66

Opening Roads

Paid for opening roads,	504 00

Memorial Day

Paid Soldiers Memorial Association,	12 71

Insurance for Employees

Paid F. A. Smith & Son,	41 41

Liquor License

Paid State Treasurer ¼ liquor license,	250 00

Brown Tail Moth

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	26 52

Fires

C. H. Trowbridge,	$18 75	
G. T. Butterfield,	41	
State supplies,	4 70	
G. S. Butler,	2 70	
Young Bros. ladder,	25 20	
Ed Cody,	3 50	
		55 26

Miscellaneous

C. G. Rogers, printing,	$135 03
J. P. Fairbank, death returns and burial agent,	19 50
W. W. Russell, care of hall,	79 08
Charles F. Gettemy, certifying notes,	4 00
Hobbs & Warren, blanks,	68
George S. Butler, supplies,	23 00
W. R. Dean, wood,	6 00
Worcester County Abstract Co.	5 90
Henry W. Stone, inspector of live stock,	36 00
W. C. Ayers, trip to East Brookfield,	5 00
D. H. Rice, Willard case,	22 69
Mathew Binding Co., law book,	10 50
W. & L. E. Gurley, sealer's supplies,	9 39
F. H. Parmenter, dog officer,	20 00
Sylvester R. Dean, rent of deposit box,	3 00
J. P. Fairbank, flowers,	10 00
John P. Day, wood,	8 75
F. H. Parmenter, Callahan case,	9 90
John L. Smith, Harris case,	14 90
Fred H. Parmenter, Chase case,	21 60
Industrial School, tuition for Franklin Cheever,	45 00

Henry W. Stone, wood,	48 00	
C. H. Trowbridge, trimming trees,	2 25	
Frank Davis, care of clock,	25 00	
Fred Parmenter,	21 50	
Ed Cody, lime and cement for library,	8 75	
C. H. Trowbridge, labor on library,	5 00	
F. L. Cheever, police,	6 00	
F. H. Parmenter, police,	3 00	
W. C. Ayres, police,	6 00	
John P. Day, transportation,	4 25	
G. F. McNamara, towards band at E. Brookfield,	5 00	
		654 67
Total for year,		$16,942 48

REPAIRING ROADS

G. T. Butterfield,	$323 30
Fred Parkman,	144 86
David Hollowell,	38 75
William Mann,	7 75
W. R. Dean,	27 00
Frank Stone,	26 38
John Beechan,	15 25
C. S. Clifford,	3 00
W. A. Woodis,	36 76
Evander Green,	63 88
Joe Beechan,	15 75
Waldo Knight,	1 50
Frank Boyd,	62 37
W. H. Boyd,	25 74
S. Sherman,	5 50
David Lebonte,	2 65

Guy C. Allen,	9 00	
W. H. Parkman,	18 24	
Pat O'Donnell,	11 25	
Roy Weaver,	20 00	
Clifford Knight,	2 50	
Henry Poole,	6 44	
W. Beckwith,	8 49	
C. B. Daniels,	10 00	
John Keep,	2 00	
George Morse,	42 60	
A. D. Webber,	3 00	
C. H. Parker,	5 25	
John P. Day,	7 25	
James Gaffney,	8 75	
James Woodis,	8 50	
W. B. Green,	2 50	
Fred Exley,	5 50	
		$971 71

To Town of Oakham:

Accept our sincere appreciation of the floral tribute which came to us in our hour of sorrow.

MR. AND MRS. M. M. BUTTERFIELD
AND FAMILY.

Once more the angel of Death has come among our town officials, this time taking our beloved friend and associate, Gilbert T. Butterfield. Mr. Butterfield was a young man of excellent character and sterling qualities, one who was a friend to everyone and always anxious and willing to help anyone who was in trouble. Mr. Butterfield had served the town faithfully as selectman for seven years, and had been a most efficient road commissioner for five years. His presence in the community in which he lived will be sadly missed, and as a citizen of our town it has lost one of its most enterprising young men, and one who had a most promising future before him. In behalf of the town and ourselves we extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

JOHN P. DAY
SYLTESTER R. DEAN } *Selectmen of Oakham*

Mary Lincoln Alden Memorial Fund

Mr. George I. Alden of Worcester has very generously presented the town $5000 in bonds, in memory of his first wife, Mary Lincoln Alden, who was a native of this town. This fund is to be known as the "Mary Lincoln Alden Memorial Fund," the income of which is to be used for the benefit and relief of the poor, sick and needy of Oakham. It is not the intention of Mr. Alden that any of this money should be used to reduce any of the appropriation for the Poor Department, but to furnish extras, delicacies, etc., for those who are in need. This fund is left in the hands of the Selectmen, who are to act as trustees, and are authorized to spend the income where in judgment it is most needed. The bonds are deposited in a safe deposit box in the Mechanics National Bank of Worcester and are drawing 5 per cent interest.

We feel very grateful to Mr. Alden for this gift and believe that it will be greatly appreciated and of great benefit to the people of our town.

Mr. Alden also has very kindly given his personal check for $50, to be used immediately, if necessary, until there is interest due on this bond which will be March first.

JOHN P. DAY
SYLVESTER R. DEAN } *Selectmen of Oakham*

AUDITOR'S REPORT
1917

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, School Committee, Road Commissioner, Cemetery Committee, Tree and Fire Wardens, Moth Exterminator, Library Trustees, Treasurer and Tax Collector, and found them to be correct.

R. M. WEAVER,
Auditor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1915	$33 87	
Interest	3 05	
		$36 92

Dr.

By Treasurer's report	$36 92

Cr.

Uncollected taxes for 1916	$2054 62	
Interest	79 32	
		$2133 94

Dr.

By Treasurer's report	$2086 35	
Abatement	34 85	
		$2121 20
		$12 74

Dr.

Taxes committed to me for collection Aug. 22, 1917.

State tax	$990 00
County tax	441 00
Town tax	6615 00

Overlaying	$201 38	
Omitted taxes	93 25	
Interest	1 60	
		$8342 23

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	6191 47
	$2150 76

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,

Collector.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

OPENING ROADS

Paid G. T. Butterfield	$52 50
Guy C. Allen, Jr	6 87
Evander Green	15 75
Paul Needham	4 25
Walter B. Green	15 25
Clarence Grimes	15 25
Edwin Bullard	12 50
Bert S. Reed	8 75
Frank Fobes	1 75
Winthrop Boyd	3 75
Frank Winslow	1 67
James Gaffney	12 25
Charles Trowbridge	1 13
Roy Weaver	5 75
William Snay	6 00
W. R. Dean	17 83
John P. Day	13 44
Fred T. Parkman	11 88
William H. Parkman	12 13
David Hallowell	3 75
James Scott	30 59
Alvin Swindell	3 00
F. W. Beckwith	7 50
William Gaffney	31 34

Justin E. Rawson	$18 03	
Frank Lupa	14 77	
Clifford Knight	9 75	
F. J. Doyle	9 75	
Fay D. Russell	3 50	
Walter A. Woodis	23 32	
Ira W. Stone	21 58	
George A. Briggs	2 25	
Frank Boyd	3 00	
Charles Daniels	1 00	
Milton Bullard	9 92	
Henry U. Crawford	1 00	
Dennis Leyden	4 75	
Patrick Moran	2 00	
John Moran	3 75	
Thomas Moran	2 25	
Patrick O'Donnell	5 25	
Morton F. Lincoln	31 30	
Frank Stone	3 00	
John Thresher	1 13	
William Mann	1 25	
A. Arnold	1 25	
Thomas Gaffney	15 78	
George Morse	1 08	
J. Fred Allen	3 75	
Mason Dean	5 54	
Ralph Keep	1 50	
Milton Bullard	3 67	
George Grimes	2 00	
Edgar Swindell	75	
Frederick Exley	1 75	
A. B. Spooner	67	
Orton Butler	2 50	
		$504 00

GRAVEL ROAD

Paid Evander Green	$34 00	
Winthrop Boyd	38 50	
James Woodis	35 75	
Ralph Cody	30 00	
Porter Woodis	32 50	
David Hallowell	30 00	
Fred Parkman	63 00	
Frank Boyd	24 75	
Paul Needham	20 00	
Walter R. Dean	27 00	
George Morse	4 00	
George S. Butler	1 66	
Frank E. Loring	1 50	
David Labonte	1 00	
		$393 66

W. H. Boyd,
Road Commissioner,
(Pro Tem).

LIST OF JURORS

Thomas Gaffney, Farmer
Fred Parmenter, Officer
Roy Weaver, Farmer
George H. Morse, Farmer
Ira Stone, Farmer
Frank Cheever, Carpenter
Clifford Knight, Farmer

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Assessment,	$11 40
Charlton Poor Farm,	155 56
City of Worcester, St. Vincent Hospital,	118 29
City of Worcester, St. Vincent Hospital,	30 72
Overseers of the Poor (Mothers' Aid),	319 00
Hobbs & Warren, Printing blanks,	45
M. F. Lincoln, Care of poor,	32 00
Mrs. Kate Allen, Care of poor,	7 50
Dr. Douglass, Medical attendance,	4 00
Wm. H. Parkman, Overseer,	46 00
C. H. Trowbridge, Overseer,	19 00
C. H. Trowbridge, Care of poor,	10 00
Jesse Allen, Overseer,	28 00
Jesse Allen, Postage,	3 00
	$784 92

Respectfully submitted,
JESSE ALLEN,
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,
Overseers of the Poor.

Report of Charlton Poor Farm Association

For the Year Ending December 31, 1917

In presenting this annual report, the Management of the Association feel gratified that in spite of the fact that every necessity of life costs more than last year, the cost per week has been brought down considerably. The Association is fortunate in being able to retain the services of Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Wheeler as Warden and Matron for another year, beginning April 1, 1918.

The town of Charlton has repainted the entire interior of the house and installed a large refrigerator. The refrigerator is large enough to hold supplies of meats and provisions in sufficient quantities, so that they can be bought at wholesale, thereby making quite a saving.

The Officers of the Association are:

President, William H. Parkman,	Oakham, Mass.
Vice-President, Aaron L. Potter,	Holden, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, Louise M. Hanff,	Rutland, Mass.
Auditors, Horace P. Jacobs,	Auburn, Mass.
A. Fred Putnam,	Charlton, Mass.

The financial report follows:

RECEIPTS

Milk,	$1,851 73
Eggs,	47 10
Stock,	272 00
Outside Labor,	50 42
Produce,	194 30

Miscellaneous,	124 44	
Board,	784 22	
Inmates' Board,	3,204 74	
Assessments,	620 03	
		$7,148 98

EXPENDITURES

Carl M. Wheeler and wife, salary,	$750 00	
Inside Labor,	260 70	
Outside Labor,	301 56	
Groceries,	1,145 42	
Meats and Fish,	574 27	
Clothing,	92 04	
Hardware,	59 17	
Grain,	961 33	
Insurance,	120 58	
Oil,	27 55	
Miscellaneous,	240 30	
Supplies,	231 02	
Drugs,	47 33	
Stock,	9 00	
Telephone,	31 34	
Filling Silo,	50 00	
Blacksmithing,	21 46	
Coal,	328 87	
Medical Attendance,	45 40	
Tobacco,	67 61	
Fireproof Safe,	30 00	
Seeds,	31 08	
Mattresses,	90 00	
Rent and Interest,	585 96	
		$6,101 99
Balance in favor of the Association,		$1,046 99

This amount will be credited to the several towns belonging to the Association in proportion to the amount paid to the Association for board of inmates during the year 1917.

Cash received and due from towns of the Association for board of inmates:

Charlton, 5 inmates, 108 weeks,	$486 07
Holden, 4 inmates, 130 5-7 weeks,	586 36
Princeton, 1 inmate, 52 weeks,	234 63
Oakham, 1 inmate, 34 1-7 weeks,	155 56
Westminster, 1 inmate, 52 weeks	234 63
Rutland, 1 inmate, 52 weeks,	234 63
Hubbardston, 1 inmate, 10 3-7 weeks,	46 93
Hardwick, 1 inmate, 3 weeks,	13 50
Paxton, 1 inmate, 52 weeks,	234 63
Sterling, 2 inmates, 104 weeks,	469 26
Millbury, 2 inmates, 112 1-7 weeks,	508 54
	$3,204 74

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
President.

LOUIS M. HANFF,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Charlton, Mass.,
January 1, 1918.

Report of the Cemetery Committee

RECEIPTS

Town Appropriation,	$75 00
Perpetual care of lots,	65 00
Individual care of lots,	72 00
	$212 00

EXPENSES

Edwin Green, Supt.,	$97 14
S. F. Woodis, Labor,	24 75
W. H. Maynard, Repairing tomb,	7 35
A. C. Morse, Labor,	10 25
Worcester Iron Works, Toomb-door,	37 00
J. P. Fairbank, Labor and fertilizer,	4 00
A. B. Spooner, Labor,	2 00
G. S. Butler,	90
	$183 39

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED C. MORSE,
JESSE ALLEN,
J. P. FAIRBANK,
Cemetery Committee.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

During the year the library has been open to the public 102 days.

Circulation,	1,884
Largest number charged in one day,	37
Smallest number charged in one day,	4
Loaned for use in the public schools,	95

These publications are furnished for the reading room: Illustrated World, McClure's, Independent, Everybody's, Youth's Companion, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, McCall's, Today's Housewife, Etude, Country Gentleman, Successful Farming, Christian Herald, Christian Endeavor World, The American Boy, Popular Mechanics, National Tribune, Official Bulletin, Our Dumb Animals, Worcester Telegram. The library has received gifts from the State Library Commission, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Oakham Y. P. S. C. E., Mrs. Celia E. Fobes, Dean Henry P. Wright, Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg, Gardner M. Dean, Walter A. Woodis, Albert P. Langtry, Mrs. Lilla Robinson, Mrs. Henry P. Wright, Mrs. Julius Brown, C. M. Packard, J. E. Bullard, Eleanor Hubbell, Mrs. Florine Lincoln Harvey.

$10.00 was collected for the War Library Fund.

The library has 2,833 catalogued volumes. These have been added during the year:

Beyond the Frontier,	Randall
The Day of Wrath,	Tracy
Just David,	Porter
The Black Box,	Oppenheim
The Taming of Zenas Henry,	Bassett
When a Man's a Man,	Wright
The Real Man,	Lynde
The Shepherd of the North,	Maher
The Harbor,	Poole
Susan Clegg and Her Love Affairs,	Warner
The Landloper,	Day
The Tollhouse,	St. Leger
The World for Sale,	Parker
The Money Master,	Parker
Jack Among the Indians,	Grinnell
Jack in the Rockies,	Grinnell
Little Miss Grouch,	Adams
Seven Miles to Arden,	Sawyer
The Rainbow Trail,	Gray
Behind the Bolted Door,	McFarlane
Rebecca Mary,	Donnell
The Mystery of the Hasty Arrow,	Green
Green Fancy,	McCutcheon
The Witness,	Lutz
The Village Pest,	Montgomery
Calvary Alley,	Rice
Great Possessions,	Grayson
Anne's House of Dreams,	Montgomery
The Indian Drum,	MacHarg and Balmer
Our Garden Flowers,	Keeler
Principles of Fruit Growing,	Bailey
Manual of Gardening,	Bailey

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,	Twain
Every Man His Own Mechanic,	Barnard
Fireless Cook Book,	Mitchell
Feeding the Family,	Rose
Better Meals for Less Money,	Green
Pure Food Cook Book,	Maddocks
The Jonathan Papers, 2 vols.,	Woodbridge
Blind Soldiers and Sailors' Gift Book	
A Student in Arms,	Hankey
A Hostage in Germany,	Desson
Belgium,	Enson
History of the World,	Larned
Uncivilized Races,.	Wood
Electric Magazine	
Library of Travel,	Taylor
Washington and His Generals,	Headley
The Englishman in America,	
Gil Blas,	Smollet

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. DAVIS,

Librarian.

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

RECEIPTS

Town appropriation,	$300 00
Dog fund,	181 05
	$481 05

EXPENSES

William C. Ayers, janitor,	$120 00
H. R. Huntington, books,	39 38
American Gas Machine Co.,	1 62
G. S. Butler,	2 42
G. T. Butterfield, teaming,	17 47
Edmund Cody, coal,	77 33
W. A. Woodis, wood,	8 00
Insurance,	52 50
C. H. Trowbridge,	70
W. R. Dean, repair on furnace,	14 75
F. E. Davis, Librarian,	80 53
G. N. Briggs, carrying books,	25 00
Magazines and subscriptions,	12 00
Miscellaneous,	3 47
	$455 17

The Library has been well patronized for the year.

Mrs. C. E. Fobes of Worcester, who has done so much for the Town, has added one thousand dollars to the Library Fund, also presented to the Library a "Beautiful Flag."

Prof. H. P. Wright and wife, our "life long" friends, have also given to the Town five hundred dollars to be known as the "Alfred Parks Wright Memorial Fund," the income to be used in the purchase of literature useful especially to the schools of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
JESSE ALLEN,
SARA BUTLER,
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,
Library Trustees.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS

Town—Support of Schools,	$1,800 00
Town—School Superintendent,	60 00
Town—Medical Inspection,	20 00
State return—School Fund,	1,120 95
State return—High School tuition,	890 00
State return—School Superintendent,	187 50
State return—Education State children,	120 75
City of Boston return—Education Boston children,	75 75
Town—School Transportation,	1,000 00
	$5,274 95

EXPENSES

School Committee

Paid Jesse Allen, services,	858 75
Jesse Allen, school census,	5 00
J. Nelson Ball, services,	6 00
Mrs. Minnie M. Day, services,	11 00
	880 75

School Superintendents

Paid Robert I. Bramhall,	$192 50
James R. Childs,	90 00
	$282 50

Teachers

Paid Miss F. E. Bothwell,	$416 00
Miss E. M. Braman,	382 00
Mrs. E. T. Swindell,	348 00
Miss R. E. Butterfield,	440 00
Miss H. Rutherford,	328 00
Miss E. Shaw,	110 00
Mrs. R. B. Dwelly,	144 00
	$2,168 00

School Supplies

Pair for supplies,	$113 28

Care and Cleaning

Paid W. W. Russell,	$52 35
Frank Parkman,	14 00
Joana Winsky,	6 15
J. Nelson Ball,	21 00
Miss H. Rutherford,	9 50
Mrs. D. Hallowell,	5 10
Mrs. Minnie Parkman,	5 40
Mrs. John Harris,	5 00
J. Nelson Ball,	2 00
	$121 00

Fuel

Paid F. H. Parmenter,	$2 00
Mr. Milton Bullard,	21 00
Mr. H. W. Stone,	9 00
Mr. W. W. Russell,	54 94
Mr. W. R. Dean,	30 00
Mr. Frank Winslow,	24 00
Mr. Mason Dean,	81 00
Mr. J. N. Ball,	8 25
	$230 19

Repairs

Paid Mr. B. S. Reed,	$3 00
Mr. R. F. Parker,	3 07
Mr. Fullum,	2 40
Mr. J. P. Day,	9 40
Mr. W. R. Dean,	3 00
Mr. E. Swindell,	2 00
Mr. C. H. Trowbridge,	3 00
	$25 87

Promotion of Health

Paid Dr. C. W. Stickney,	$20 00

Grade Transportation

Paid Mrs. Bessie Laboute,	$331 00
Mr. Ernest W. Mann,	11 30
	$342 30

High School Transportation

Paid Mr. Edward Cody,	$95 00
Mr. James Woodis,	16 50
Mr. Mason Dean,	12 00
Mr. William Gaffney,	120 00
Mr. E. Swindell,	42 00
Mr. Clifford Rutherford,	68 10
Mr. Patrick Moran,	51 00
Mr. Harry Parker,	36 00
Mr. Walter Bruce,	62 00
Mr. Frank Winslow,	49 50
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell,	57 00
Mr. Mason Dean,	24 00
Mr. James Fairbank,	64 50
Mr. Clayton Adams,	60 00
Rev. Albert Plum,	60 00
Mr. George Morse,	79 50
Mr. Geo. S. Butler,	64 50
Mr. Walter Dean,	60 00
Mr. Orrin Carpenter,	14 85
Mr. J. W. Knight,	18 00
	$1,054 45

High School Tuition

Paid Town of Barre,	$432 00
Town of Hardwick,	268 75
Town of Holden,	50 00
Town of North Brookfield,	80 00
	$830 75

Insurance

Paid F. A. Smith,	$25 90

Truant Officer

Paid F. H. Parmenter,	$3.50

Miscellaneous

Paid Barre Gazette,	$5 11
Mr. R. I. Bramhall,	2 05
Express,	1 00
Postage and express,	7 00
Postage and telephone,	3 72
	$18 88
Total,	$5,317 37
Receipts,	$5,274 95
Expenditures,	5,317 37

Respectfully submitted,
JESSE ALLEN,
J. NELSON BALL,
MINNIE M. DAY,
School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1918.

To the School Committee,
Town of Oakham:

My first report as superintendent of schools, the 18th in the series since the formation of the present union, extends over the period from September, 1917.

We have been fortunate in having no changes in teachers during the year. The record made by our graduates in other schools is convincing evidence of the benefits derived from retaining the services of successful teachers from year to year. We should meet the increased cost of living by increases in salary, for while our teachers are ready and glad to meet the unusual conditions of the present time by unusual service and sacrifice, it is a serious fact that living expenses are from 60 per cent to 100 per cent greater than they were a few years ago, and salaries practically unchanged.

In visiting the schools I have noted carefully the material equipment and our needs as well as school work. The equipment is better than that usually found in rural schools, but a few matters call for attention. New outhouses should be built at the South School and these combined with a shed as at the West. The walls and ceilings in the school rooms at the Center should be retinted and new floors laid. There should be a teacher's desk and a low table and chairs in the Primary room, and I would

recommend that the heating plant be carefully overhauled.

I feel that the attitude of both teachers and pupils is serious and earnest and that excellent work is being accomplished. We have carried out some of the recommendations touching text books, as made by my predecessor, and our present needs are for language, civics and hygiene, and supplementary reading books.

In a recent bulletin issued by the State Board of Education, Commissioner Smith has this to say concerning the function of the public school:

"Education for citizenship has always been an underlying purpose of the American public school. To promote the qualities of intelligence, responsibility and service in our American democracy has been a chief motive of public education since the establishment of the first public school. This promotion of the common good is the principal justification of a free school system maintained by taxation of all the people. . . . It was doubtless with some such intention that the General Court of Massachusetts for 1917 amended the law which imposes certain duties upon teachers, by adding that of giving 'training in the duties of citizenship'."

To this training in citizenship there should be added some definite instruction in habits of thrift and in patriotism. It may be done in connection with the present work in history and geography. Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps furnish a point of contact in the teaching of thrift and conservation, and patriotism may well be shown to include the ideas of self-control, loyalty and obedience.

It will be well to call the attention of parents to legislation relating to school attendance, labor certificates

and vaccination. The law states that if a child is absent from school without excuse for more than seven days in six months, the parent or guardian is liable to arrest and fine. A child may not leave school until he is sixteen years of age (instead of fourteen as many still think). There are two exceptions to this law. One is that he may leave at fourteen if the superintendent upon investigation finds that he is needed "to engage in profitable employment at home." In this case a "Home Permit" is issued to the child after evidence of the need at home has been produced. The other exception is in case a child is granted an Employment Certificate. To secure this he must present to the superintendent a written promise of employment, a school record, a birth certificate and a physician's health certificate.

The usual statistics relating to teachers, attendance, enrollment and school calendar are appended. I invite your attention to the special reports of the music supervisor, the drawing supervisor and the school physician. Unfortunately Miss Shaw was unable to continue the work in drawing on the same basis as last year, but she has prepared outlines for the teachers and directs the work by correspondence and by an occasional visit.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS.

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1916-1917.

School	Teacher	Educated at	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	No. Brookfield High	14	13.9	12.9	93
Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Seminary	31	24.8	23.3	94
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	19	18.8	18.2	97
South	Effie T. Swindell	Barre High	11	11	10.3	93
West	Helena K. Rutherford	No. Brookfield High	10	9.1	8.2	90
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton				
Drawing	G. Eleanor Shaw	Mass. Normal Art				
		Totals	85	77.6	72.9	93.4

PROMOTIONS, JUNE, 1917.

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Tot.
Promoted	7	5	5	17	6	6	2	3	10	61
On trial	1	0	4	2	5	0	0	1	0	13
Repeating	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	5
Totals	9	6	9	19	13	6	2	4	11	79

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPT. 1, 1917.

Boys 5 to 7 years old,	6
Girls 5 to 7 years old,	10
Boys 7 to 14 years old,	25
Girls 7 to 14 years old,	35
Boys 14 to 16 years old,	11
Girls 14 to 16 years old	9
Total,	96

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall term, Sept. 4, 1917, to Dec. 21, 1917.
Winter term, Dec. 31, 1917, to Feb. 15, 1918.
Spring term, Mar. 25, 1918, to June 14, 1918.

Fall term, Sept. 3, 1918, to Dec. 20, 1918.
Winter term, Dec. 30, 1918, to Feb. 14, 1919.
Spring term, Mar. 24, 1919, to June 13, 1919.

Holidays—Jan. 1, Feb. 22, Apr. 19, May 30, Barre Fair, Oct. 12, Thanksgiving Day and the day following, Christmas.

ROLL OF HONOR

Three Years

Alexina Laboute

One Year

1915-1916	1916-1917
Gladys Stone	Enola Clifford
Harold Stone (T3)	Dorothy Day
Joseph Bruce	Joseph Bruce
Doris Bruce	Archie Dunstan (T1)
Russell Chase	Kenneth Pierce
Ivah Cody	Rose Ivison
	Lena Knight
	George Ferguson (T9)

Two Terms

Ruth Morse	Esther Greenlaw
John Day	John Briggs
Dorothy Day (T1)	Raymond Crawford
Walter Pierce	Arline Prevost
Arthur Messier	Milton Parker
Milton Parker	Katherine Mullen
Kenneth Wilkins	Frederick Greenlaw (T2)
Oliver Wilkins	
Alla Carpenter	
Bernice Carpenter	
Doris Carpenter	
Lena Knight	
Henry Wilson	

One Term

Orton Butler
Esther Briggs
Herbert Howe
George Ferguson
Blanche Knight
Eleanor Knight
Arline Prevost
Hazel Briggs
Albert Eggleston
Franklin Cheever
Bernard Carpenter
Kenneth Pierce
Zella Carpenter
Flora Messier
Irene Messier
Roscoe Crawford
Franklin Briggs
Joseph Greenlaw
Sophie Lupa
Eleanor Knight
Russell Chase
Walter Pierce
Oliver Wilkins
Doris Carpenter
Annie Winsky
Frank Parkman (T1)
Laura Snay
Joseph Greenlaw (T1)

REPORT OF DRAWING INSTRUCTOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The work in drawing is being continued along the same lines as in previous years. This is made possible through the interest and loyal support of the teachers.

Outlines are supplied and these are supplemented by an occasional visit from the supervisor.

Respectfully submitted,

G. ELEANOR SHAW.

December 21, 1917.

REPORT OF DRAWING SUPERVISOR

Mr. J. R. Childs, Supt. of Schools,

Dear Sir:—The work in music has been conducted along the same lines as formerly, the time devoted to the work unchanged.

Music in the public schools is a valuable factor in the mental, physical and emotional development of the child, and is as important in character molding as any other subject in the school carriculum. The teaching of music in schools lays a foundation for the culture of later life. At the present day no education can be called finished which does not embrace some knowledge of music.

The four essentials of this subject are conceptions of good music, voice training, sight singing and musical interpretation. Musical conceptions are unconsciously acquired by the use of simple songs, voice drills, and exercise melodies in which there are the essentials of good melody.

With the small number of pupils in each school this year, constant attention is given to individual work, which is desirable as an aid in training the pupil to depend upon himself, and to help him become an independent thinker and doer. As he discovers that his standing depends upon his class work the pupil becomes a more valuable member of the school community.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLY,

Supervisor of Schools.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Holden, Mass., Dec. 10, 1917.

Mr. J. R. Childs, Supt. of Schools,

Dear Sir:—I have visited the schools of the town of Oakham twice during the current year and made the usual individual inspection of the pupils. The fall inspection showed two cases of ringworm, five cases of skin trouble of undetermined character, some of them possibly ringworm, seven cases of hypertrophied tonsils—operation advised, unvaccinated, fourteen—nearly twenty per cent of those inspected. Probably three-fourths of the pupils need the attention of the dentist. A few absences were reported, but I did not learn of any cases of severe or communicable illness.

Yours very truly,
CLIFFORD W. STICKNEY,
School Physician of Oakham.

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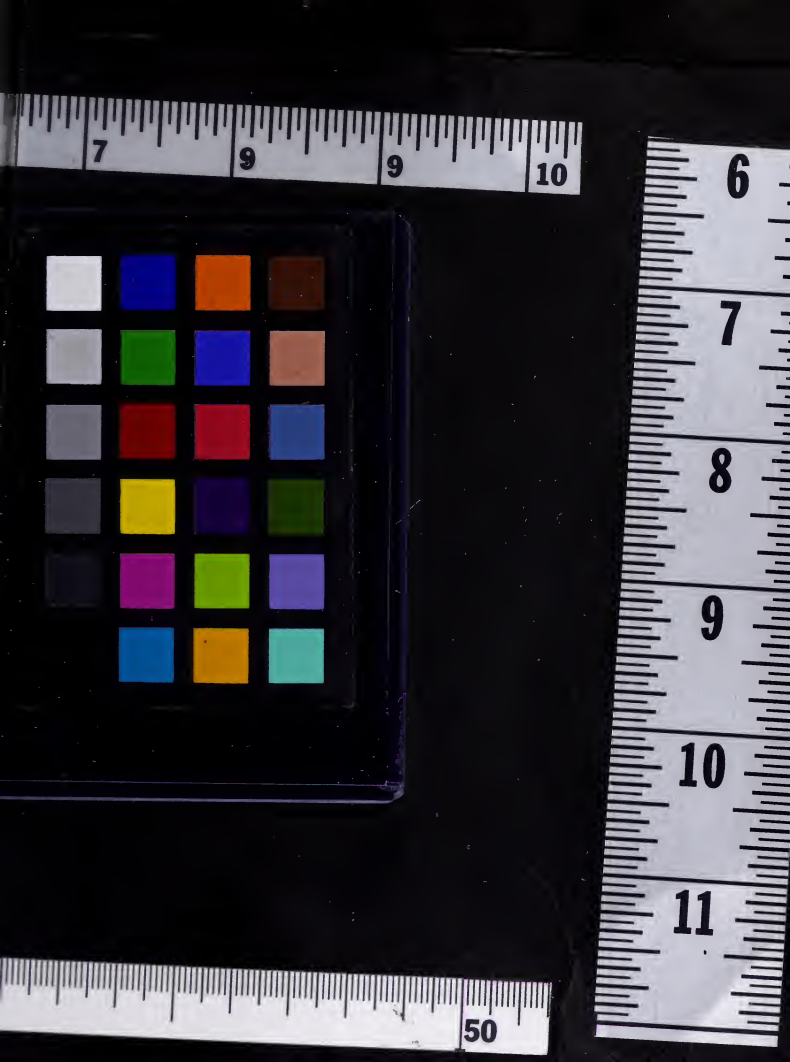
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